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### A Hunger Striker's Day . . .

By Joseph North

Here is what it is like to be on hunger strike on Ellis Island.

The Daily Worker was able to get this picture from Irving Potash who is out on bail until Monday.

Their cell is white-tiled, floors, walls and ceiling. It faces a blank wall. (They were removed yesterday to the hospital on the Island.)

The cell they were in first, had windows from which they could see the New York skyline, the ocean liners passing by, the sun and sky.

But orders came from higher authority to move them to an inner cell crowded with the three double-decker bunks. There were two at first, but a third was carried in when Irving Potash joined the hunger strikers.

John Williamson and Charles Doyle urged

Ferdinand Smith and Gerhart Eisler to use the bottom bunks. The question of clambering to the upper bunks became important as the pangs of

hunger weakened the men. Smith and Eisler then insisted that they change places from night to night.

It is hard to sleep at

night. The entrance to the adjoining toilet is doorless and the brilliant light floods the cell. The presence of the 24 hour guard in their cell is not

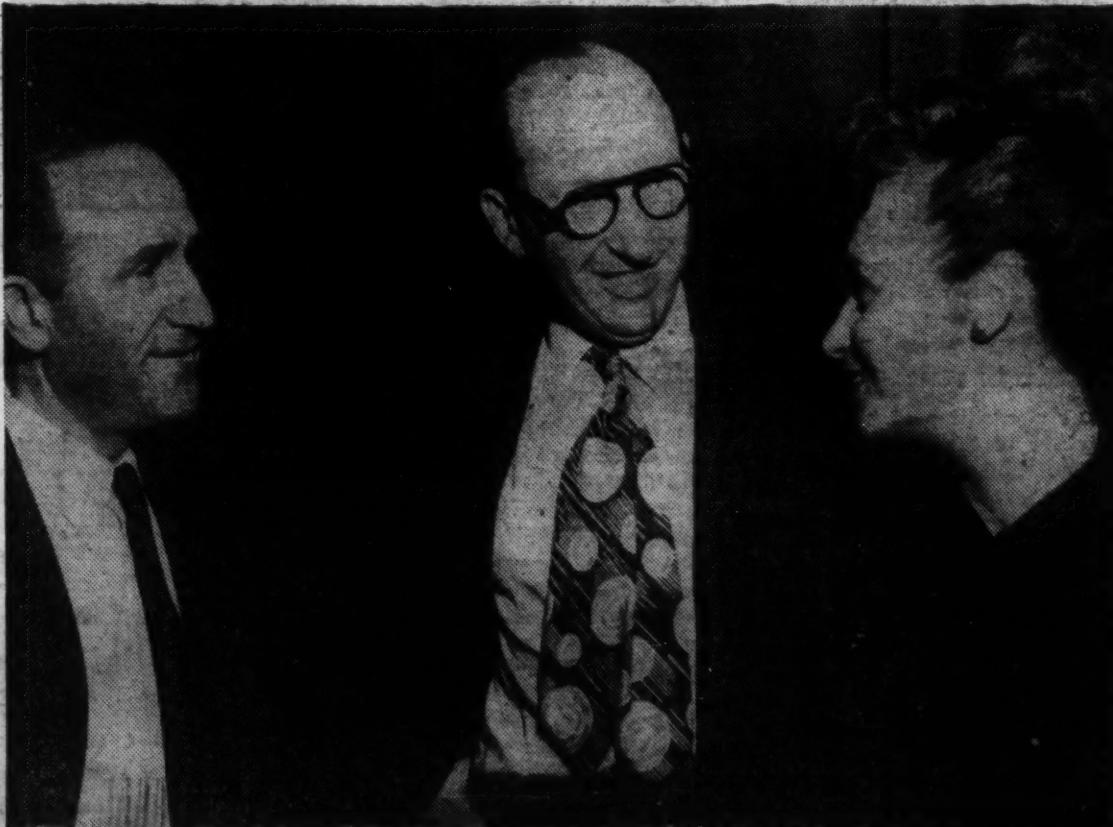
conducive to sleep. The guard gets up from time to time, every hour or so, awakens the men with his motions.

During the day he sat notebook in hand, jotting down every word the men uttered. That seems to be his orders.

At first they could take two walks daily, half an hour each time. As the hours of the hunger strike ticked away, they found themselves weaker and weaker, talked it over. They decided to cut down their walks to five minutes.

The air in the cell became stifling. The inside window facing the corridor has no glass, just wire mesh. When somebody outside would open a window, a draft would sweep through. The room would get cold. The men weakened by hunger had to don their coats. Then somebody outside would close the

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IRVING POTASH (left) is greeted, following his release on bail, by Abraham Isserman, Civil Rights Congress, and by Hilda Eisler, wife of Gerhart Eisler.

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

## Civil Rights Cavalcade to Capital Monday

A new cavalcade of pioneers to restore Civil rights in America will converge on Washington on Monday from New York and Cleveland, it was announced by the Civil rights Congress yesterday. The demonstrators will join the continuous protest vigil at the Justice Dep't building against the threatened deportations and detention without bail of Communist and

trade union leaders on Ellis Island.

Members of the CRC have been picketing the offices of Attorney General Tom Clark all week and have aroused considerable attention in the capital. They will be joined on Monday by demonstrators arriving in 50 buses, trucks and cars from New York and by 10 more truckloads of pickets from Cleveland.

Joseph Cadden, executive director of the Civil Rights Congress, made an appeal to New York car owners to join the cavalcade. Individual motorists are urged to call the national headquarters of the CRC at Murray Hill 4-6640 for information. Funds to defray the cavalcade expenses should be mailed to the Civil Rights Congress, 205 East 42 St., New York 17, N. Y.

## Ellis Island '4' In Hospital; Bail Ruling Due Today

By John Hudson Jones

The four hunger strikers on Ellis Island were moved from their cell yesterday to the Marine Hospital on the Island. Today begins their fifth grueling day without food in their protest against Attorney General Tom Clark's refusal to grant them bail.

News of the latest development galvanized additional thousands to join the nation-wide picketlines and demonstrations that are demanding they be released on bail.

The four—Ferdinand Smith, Negro maritime leader, John Williamson, Communist official, Gerhart Eisler, anti-fascist refugee, and Charles Doyle, CIO union official—were notified yesterday morning by Charles Forman, officer in charge of Ellis Island, that they were to be moved to the hospital. They are all in the same hospital room now. All are in a weakened condition.

Their defense organizations—the Civil Rights Congress and the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born—promptly wired Forman demanding that "a representative group of citizens and the press be permitted immediately to visit the four hunger strikers now being moved to Marine Hospital on Ellis Island."

Today, as on Wednesday at the Potash hearing, McGahey confessed he had no evidence of lawbreaking against the men.

Despite their weakened condition, the men had strength to send the following wire to Irving Potash:

"We greet your release confident with you on the outside the fight against holding people without bail will be intensified."

Abner Green, of the defense organizations, said in a statement that it would be more appropriate for Attorney General Clark "to observe the Bill of Rights and immediately release these four brave men on bail" than to remove them to the hospital.

### COURT ARGUMENT

But in Federal Court in New York yesterday, the attorney general's underling, U. S. Attorney John F. X. McGahey continued to obstruct every effort to free the men on bail. Nevertheless he argued bitterly before Federal Judge William Bondy, yesterday, in the latter's chambers, against joint petitions of the four political prisoners for habeas corpus and immediate bail. The petitions were presented by defense attorneys Abraham Unger, Isidore Englander and Mrs. Carol King.

Despite McGahey's heated resistance, Judge Bondy took the petitions under advisement.

If he signs them early today there will be argument on the writs before him at 2:30 p.m. in open court.

Judge Bondy conferred in his

chambers with the defense attorneys and the government lawyers McGahey and two aides.

Mrs. King informed Judge Bondy of a threat by the U. S. attorney that "we're going to keep them until warrants of deportation are issued." McGahey didn't deny the statement, and Judge Bondy told him, "that is a preposterous suggestion."

In the legal battle that followed,

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BEN GOLD (left), fur and leather union president, embraces IRVING POTASH, after Potash was released on bail.

Daily Worker Photo by Peter



## Foster En Route to Puerto Rico; Asks Hunger Strikers' Freedom

By Olive Sutton

William Z. Foster, leaving aboard the S.S. Borrinquen for Puerto Rico yesterday morning, expressed grave personal concern for the four hunger strikers on Ellis Island.

"Their release must be won quickly," the Communist Party chairman stressed. "That is the important thing. In their hunger strike, the issue of major importance is whether or not this would-be dictator Clark can brush aside the Constitution and abolish the right to bail which has existed since this country was founded."

"The essence of it is: are we going to have a concentration camp? Are man going to be thrown into jail and left there at the whims of Clark?"

"The release of Irving Potash," he added, "shows that with real pressure the release of the others can be brought about."

### TO SPEAK IN PUERTO RICO

Foster was sitting at a table in one corner of the main lounge of the ship. There was an hour and a half to wait till sailing time, and families come to see passengers off were milling about. A couple of kids were drumming on a piano. Most of them were Puerto Rican families, part of the stream constantly shifting back and forth between the

islands and the States. We watched them quietly.

Foster explained that his four-day visit was to address a mass rally on March 10, and to get a firsthand view of the impoverished condition of the Puerto Rican people and their exploitation by American imperialism."

He is, he reflected gravely, the first Communist Party leader to go to Puerto Rico.

### ONLY GLIB PROMISES

As for President Truman's statements during his recent stop-over there, Foster said:

"Truman's glib promises to the Puerto Rican people mean precisely nothing—no more than his promises to the American people. He promises the Puerto Rican people freedom, then he throws Americans into jail without bail."

Foster will report on his trip at Puerto Rican Independence Rally in Manhattan Center on March 18. A leading Latin American speaker is also scheduled to address the meeting, and Paul Robeson will sing and speak. Foster will be leaving San Juan for the four-day trip back March 11.

Leaving on the Borrinquen with him was George Blake, New York County Communist Party organizer. Blake is going for a two-week visit, he said, "to learn about the problems of Puerto Rico which are reflected in the daily lives of the Puerto Rican people here."

## 5th Day Today

The four labor leaders entered the fifth day of their hunger strike protest against detention on Ellis Island without bail. Yesterday they were taken to the hospital. Action by the people NOW can prevent serious injury to their health and force their release. The record of their detention is:

<b>Gerhart Eisler</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>John Williamson</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Ferdinand Smith</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Charles Doyle</b>	<b>14</b>

### Michael Un-Abdicates, Blames All On 'Reds'

LONDON, March 4 (UP)—Former King Michael of Romania formally repudiated his abdication from the throne today. A few hours later, he prepared to sail for the United States.

A wire to the Ellis Island hunger strikers from the demonstrators read:

"Our demonstration supports your fight for American liberties and pledges support to secure your freedom. Your heroic hunger strike is an inspiration to the entire labor movement."

The open letter to Clark condemned his "unlawful and outrageous misuse of the deportation laws to attack and weaken the unions of the United States."

"You have attempted to destroy and intimidate those unions by arresting their leaders," said the letter, "and you have—in violation of all precedents and Constitutional guarantees—ordered that four leaders of the labor movement be held without bail. These men are charged with no crime. They are charged with holding political opinions which differ

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## Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

THE CZECH AMBASSADORS in Washington and Canada have run out on their government. They bounced like bad checks.

## CIO Leader in Detroit Joins Hunger Strike To Spur Protests

DETROIT, March 4.—Sam Sage, secretary-treasurer of the Wayne County CIO Council at noon today began a solidarity hunger strike to last until Ferdinand Smith, Charles A. Doyle, Gerhart Eisler, and John Williamson are released on bail.

Tracy B. Doll, president of the Council, told reporters, "We of the council will support Sam. The CIO here is proud that we have a secretary who is willing to make this sacrifice."

Coleman Young, director of organization of the Council, said "He has my complete support. We hope that this will inspire the most widespread demonstrations among the workers throughout the nation, also thousands of wires to Truman and Clark with Mass delegations to Washington and protest actions in every shop, mine and mill in the country."

Sage said:

"I have this day joined the four men on Ellis Island in their hunger strike until their rights under our American constitution are fully recognized and granted, meaning bail and a fair trial. No

## Arabs Slay 17 In Haganah Patrol

JERUSALEM, March 4 (UP).—Arabs trapped an infiltrating patrol of 23 Jewish Haganahites on the road to Ramallah at dawn today and killed 17 prisoners when they saw British forces approaching.

Only six of the 23 Jews escaped before the Arab force of some 100 Iraqi volunteers closed its trap on the Haganah patrol 10 miles north of Jerusalem.

The survivors said the patrol left its base at Ataroth near the royal air force's Kalandiya Airfield to check up on Haganah intelligence reports that a strong force of Iraqi volunteers were concentrated around Ramallah.

The six members of the United Nations Palestine Commission technical staff who arrived here yesterday met H. L. G. Gurney, chief secretary of the Palestine government, at the scarred King David Hotel, and he promised the group "full cooperation." Later, the delegation was scheduled to meet Jewish Agency leaders.

labor leaders are safe until this official act by the government to subvert the constitution is retracted either by President Truman or his attorney general. My refusal to eat is my small humble way of registering solidarity with these imprisoned leaders of labor."

## Czechs Arrest Two Traitors

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, March 4 (UP).—*Kude Prave*, Communist newspaper said today that Bohuslav Decl, National Socialist member of Parliament, was arrested by frontier guards as he attempted to cross the frontier through the Bohemian forest into American-occupied Bavaria.

Milada Prochazkova, 19, daughter of former Minister of Health Adolf Prochazkova, was arrested the same day with her companion Jiri Wild, 40, near the Bavarian border, *Kude Prave* said.

Prochazkova himself and his wife Helena Kozeduhova, both members of the Catholic People's Party, "also tried to cross the frontier into the American zone of Germany," *Kude Prave* said.

A spokesman at the Presidential Hradcany castle said that President Eduard Benes, who left for his country estate after swearing in the new Leftist cabinet of Premier Klement Gottwald, was "convinced."

The Information Ministry also said that no foreign newspaper or magazine had been banned from Czechoslovakia recently and that previous "announcements to the contrary were erroneous."

The Social Democratic Party announced it had expelled former food minister Vaclav Majer and former party secretary-general Blazej Vlcek.

## UOPWA Party Votes 5-1 to Back Wallace

By Bernard Burton

The seventh convention of the CIO United Office and Professional Workers yesterday voted endorsement of Henry A. Wallace and recommended his candidacy to the union's 70,000 members. Passed by a better than five-to-one roll-call vote, the resolution declared that it is the "deep personal conviction" of the delegates that Wallace's candidacy "is the most effective means of forwarding the interests of our membership in the 1948 elections."

The resolution, however, does not bind the membership to back Wallace but calls upon them "to examine the facts which have led us to this conclusion—facts which we believe will lead to the endorsement of Henry A. Wallace" by the rank and file.

Debate and vote on the resolution consumed the entire morning session, with the small opposition group, led by Leo Wallace of Lynn, Mass., badly disorganized and unable to present any effective arguments against the resolution. All national officers were unanimously re-elected in the afternoon.

Joseph H. Levy, UOPWA vice-president in charge of social service organization, reported that 95 percent of the workers in his division have already endorsed Wallace. A large number of delegates arose to announce that their locals had already gone on record for the Third Party candidacy.

### HITS GOP DEM BETRAYAL

George Harrison, a Negro delegate from Local 19, New York, brought loud applause as he blasted the betrayals of his people by Republicans and Democrats. The Negro people, he declared, are overwhelmingly for Wallace.

The final count was 687-4 for the resolution; 131-4 against; 21-4 abstaining. The fractional count arose from an earlier decision dealing with failure of some locals to pay full assessments. The vote of delegates was apportioned according to the per-capita payments of their locals.

The opposition, which had been highly publicized in newspaper "dope" stories, failed to make any impression in the afternoon session when officers and members of the General Executive Board were elected.

All national officers were unanimously re-elected from the floor. They are James H. Durkin, president; John J. Stanley, secretary-treasurer; Leon W. Berney, Joseph H. Levy, and Lewis Alan Berne, vice presidents.

Administration-backed regional directors and Board members were also elected without opposition. For the first time the Board includes two Negro members—Osborne Landis, of New Orleans, and Frank

Landis, of New Orleans, and Frank benefits. The "plunder" charge was



DURKIN  
Reelected

Calloway, of Chicago. The regional directors total 11, and Board members-at-large number 28, making a total board membership of 42, including the officers.

In its session late Wednesday

night, the convention passed overwhelmingly a resolution on civil rights which called for the immediate release and the dropping of cases against all labor leaders "who are being persecuted as 'dangerous aliens.'

### ASKS UN-AMERICANS' END

The resolution also called for the abolition of the House Un-American Committee, withdrawal of the Truman Loyalty Order, and the dropping of charges against the Hollywood Ten.

Durkin drew loud applause as he declared that that battle for the rights of labor and all the people could not be separated from the struggles for civil liberties for Communists.

An amendment to endorse President Truman's Civil Rights message was voted down. Another amendment condemning the Soviet Union was ruled out of order, on the grounds that the foreign policy resolution will be up for debate and vote today (Friday).

## Vote \$80 Million Kickback to State Firms

ALBANY, N. Y., March 4.—A bill to "plunder" the unemployment insurance fund of another \$80,000,000 for the benefit of Big Business was passed in the State Senate today.

The measure, part of the Dewey program, would set a \$900,000,000 ceiling on the fund. Under the present formula, the fund will reach \$900,000,000 this year—after rebate to employers of some \$85,000,000.

Total kick-back to employers will thus be \$165,000,000 for the year.

As a sop to labor, the bill also included a clause to increase maximum jobless pay benefits from the present \$21 to \$26. Top increase of payments to jobless workers under this clause will be about \$13,000,000.

Democrats and laborite Sen. T. Kenneth Sherbell charged the GOP leaders with trying to embarrass them by tying the benefit increase to the \$900,000,000 ceiling, instead of introducing two separate bills.

They voted against it on the grounds there were several other measures in for higher jobless

made in a letter from the state CIO.

Sen. Sherbell charged that this was another instance of GOP favors to big business at the expense of the people. He insisted the funds should go to workers for increased benefits, dependency payments, sickness insurance, instead of to the rich.

### General in Greece Spent \$135 Million

Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay, former head of the American Military Mission to Greece, said on the eve of his departure for the United States that his assignment in Greece had been to spend \$135,000,000 in military funds "where they would do the most good." Another \$24,000,000 was diverted later to the military from the economic branches of the American aid mission, he added.

## WILLIAMSON WRITES DAILY WORKER:

## 'Hunger Strike Goes On Till We're Free'

Following is a letter to the Daily Worker from John Williamson, which was written just before he and his fellow hunger strikers were taken to the prison hospital on Ellis Island.

Cell 218  
Ellis Island  
March 4, 1948

Dear Johnny Gates:

Your message on behalf of the Daily Worker brought cheer to me and my fellow hunger strikers. Let me commend the Daily Worker for the splendid campaign it is carrying on for our immediate release. I am sure that as part of this campaign our Party members are actively building its circulation.

The first victory of the workers and people fighting to restore the Constitutional right of bail to us, who are buried alive on Ellis Island is the release of Irving Potash.

I am confident this will spur on the fight to release all of us.

Today is the fourth day of our Protest Hunger Strike. While we all feel its physical and mental consequences, nevertheless we are determined to carry on till we are free on bail in accord with our Constitutional rights.

Since Tuesday we have had a special guard sitting inside our cell 24 hours a day.

Through the Daily Worker I want to thank the many freedom-loving Americans unknown personally to me, as well as the many friends and comrades who have been sending messages of encouragement and solidarity. Up until now I have answered each individually. At the present moment, the effects of the Hunger Strike make that impossible except in a few special cases.

However, I assure them that when I leave this Concentration Camp as a result of the demand of the people each greeting will be answered personally. Meanwhile each message received helps us.

We are able to make this difficult fight because we know that the cause we are fighting for—peace, economic security and stronger trade unions, real and full democratic rights for all, especially the Negro people, a national administration free from Wall Street domination—is a just cause in the interests of the workers and "little" people of America. The Trumans and Clarks who throw the Constitution overboard, and try to imitate the concentration camps of Hitler, are only demonstrating their desperation.

Warmest regards, JOHN WILLIAMSON.

REGULAR FELLERS—High-Pressure Stuff

By GENE BYRNES



## Half Empire and Half Democracy

By George Marion

It's practically impossible to kill a good myth. Gen. Pierre Cambronne constantly denied that he said the famous words, "The Guard dies, but it never surrenders," when the remnants of Napoleon's shattered "Old Guard" were summoned to give up at Waterloo.

"As you see, I didn't die, and in the second place I did surrender," the general stated publicly at a banquet in his honor in his native town of Nantes in 1855. That should have settled the matter for all time. But when Cambronne died in 1842, the epitaph carved on his headstone was:

"The Guard dies but it never surrenders!"

### ANOTHER MYTH

It's just as hard to do away with the myth—the carefully planted and daily renewed myth—that there is no American imperialism. True, it's no longer wise to argue, as the New York Times did in 1926, that there's no such thing as a great imperialist power without a big standing Army and Navy. That test would convict us of imperialism now.

But our native imperialists have thought up a new alibi. It pooh-poohs charges of imperialism by arguing that we are not making but losing money on our new Pacific islands (or even on Korea, Germany and Japan).

And who presents this new formula to the public? Ah, two very

paragons of anti-imperialism: 1. Ex-President Herbert Hoover; and 2. James Forrestal.

Mr. Forrestal is the gentleman who moved from the presidency of the great Wall Street banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. (the men who pull the strings of empire), to the post of Secretary of the Navy (the admiral of imperialist expansion) and thence to his present ultra-powerful post as Secretary of Defense.

Forrestal, in citing a speech by Hoover that urged the U. S. to hold on to the islands of the Pacific, emphatically endorsed Hoover's argument "that such holding could not be held an extension of imperialism, because we have no designs for exploitation."

### INTERESTING ADMISSION

Now this is interesting as an admission that exploitation is the prize of imperialism. Most apologists of American imperialism try to keep off that subject. They duck the question of the profits gained by private interests. They deliberately confuse imperialism with annexationism in order to say, "See, we aren't taking legal title to any new territory, so we aren't imperialist." It's nice to have Mr. Forrestal come right out and talk about exploitation.

But it is nonsense for Mr. Forrestal and Mr. Hoover to apply the test of profit island-by-island. From the unprofitable islands of the Pacific, the United States seeks to dominate the entire Far East. It could then exploit the rich resources and the large populations of Asia. Our rule of Japan, a treaty giving the United States exclusive rights throughout China proper, a like arrangement imposed on the Philippine Republic, show that such exploitation is our intention.

And surely even Mr. Forrestal will have to admit that United States government losses in the Mediterranean on the Truman Doctrine yield a nice profit in the Near East to the Rockefeller and Mellon oil interests and connected Wall Street banks.

But if there were no present profits for anyone, that would prove nothing. Every empire maintains unprofitable and costly establishments as a part of its general power-structure. And as issues of power more and more tend toward armed

decision on a world scale, United States worldwide bases take on a new meaning. They are strategic positions from which to demand—and impose—American controls in every part of the world. If our Forrestals and Hoovers were to have their way, then indeed Wall Street could exploit the population and resources of the entire globe.

### BIGGEST EXPANSION

Never in history has one nation expanded so far and so rapidly as has the United States in the less than nine years from the outbreak of World War II to the present moment. And yet that expansion must be strenuously denied, hidden, disguised. At the end of 1946, the American delegation to the United Nations forced rejection of a Russian demand for a "troop census" because it would have exposed our expansion.

What James Reston wrote then in the Times is valid today. An accounting, he said, would have revealed "the fact that United States and British troops were scattered all over the globe. . . . The list reads like a gazetteer. . . .

The United States has by far the largest number of overseas expeditions on foreign soil. . . . We would have to report not only on our troops in China, Egypt, India and Iceland, but on our bases in the British Atlantic Islands, in Greenland, the British Commonwealth Islands in the Pacific, and in the islands and territories of the Latin American republics."

A year later (Dec. 14, 1947), Hanson Baldwin, in the same paper, brought the situation up to date with just as long a list. And, in the two months since then, still more bases and strategic positions (for war or imperialist exploitation) have been acquired.

### WHAT IT MEANS

What does all this add up to? What does it cost? What does it mean to the life of the American people? Pick up any day's paper and it will give you the answer: it means a total war economy with simply fantastic arms expenditures; that, in turn, means no money to maintain your table, your house, your children's education; to head off resistance to all this, the bankers and generals must cancel the Bill of Rights and build up a kind of reign of terror.

Take Tuesday's Times (March 2). Vandenberg's speech urging quick adoption of the \$5,000,000,000 first cost of the Marshall Plan, takes the lead. Next comes a companion piece: the Congressional Aviation Policy Board calls for 35,000 peace-time planes and an arms budget of almost nineteen billion yearly by 1953.

(But Hanson Baldwin, adding concealed military items together, puts the annual cost at \$25,000,000,000 by 1952. As a matter of fact, the combined "national defense"—Truman Doctrine-Marshall Plan outlay for the two years 1948-1949 already exceeds \$34,000,000,000!) HOW IT IS USED

So much for arms cost. Now to use the arms. An item (still on page one of Tuesday's paper) reports that the British Parliament

### A FULL-PAGE MAP IN THE WORKER THIS WEEKEND!

This is the fifth of a series of six articles

By GEORGE MARION

Using material from his new book—out March 15  
**BASES & EMPIRE: A Chart of American Expansion**  
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WORKER THIS WEEKEND!

has approved plans to form a military alliance with Belgium, France, etc., to be called the Western European Union. This is matched by a story inside the paper indicating that the "bi-partisan" expansionists in Washington intend, in due course, to press for American entry into this alliance. Other inside stories on Greece, Korea, etc., record the march toward World War III.

But lots of people here want no part of imperialist expansion and imperialist war. Henry Wallace's independent Presidential candidacy and program provide a rallying center for anti-imperialist sentiment. So Wallace must be smeared and the American people frightened out of supporting him. Hence, here are more items on the same page of the same paper:

Dr. Edward Condon, head of the National Bureau of Statistics, who played an important part in the A-bomb development, is smeared as a possible spy-leak by a subcommittee of the notorious House Un-American Activities Committee. Why? It appears he was recommended to his present job by Wallace when President Roosevelt was still alive.

Another and kindred item relates that Irving Potash, a leader of the CIO Furriers, has been seized as an alien Communist. He was sent to join the growing group of labor leaders, many in this country up to 40 years, who are held without bail and with no date fixed for hearing, on Ellis Island.

There is no point in my summing all this up. The news does that with more authority than mine. I would recall only that once before

in this country's history there was a great wave of imperialist expansion—matched by popular resistance to it. In the Presidential election of 1900 the issue was put before the public with very little of today's moral humbug. Who remembers the Democratic national platform in that campaign? It said:

"We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half empire, and we warn the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home."

That warning is more timely today than it was in that first burst of imperialist arrogance almost half a century ago. But today the Democratic Party has joined the Republican Party in support of an imperialist adventure worse than that of 1900. And the two parties are united in their determination to keep the issue itself out of the campaign.

But they are in a bad spot on this. The Wallace campaign and program offer the American people a chance to take sides precisely on this basic issue. And that is all progressives ask. By spreading far and wide an understanding of the imperialist expansion behind the policies of "the Wall Street-military team," progressives can do something more than swell the November vote. They can make sure that the third party anti-imperialist program remains a live issue from now until the capitalist roots of imperialism have been destroyed.

(In the Weekend Worker: HOW BIG IS THE AMERICAN EMPIRE?)

## Senator Reveals 200 Nazis Working for U. S. Air Force Here

WASHINGTON, March 4 (UPI)—Nearly 200 German scientists who helped develop Hitler's most potent air weapons are doing research for the U. S. Air Force, Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-W Va) said today in an article in American magazine.

Among them, he said, are Dr. Werner von Braun, former director of the Nazi research center at Peenemunde, where the V-2 rocket was developed; Dr. Anselm Franz, research head of the Junkers plant at Dessau, where some of Germany's jet planes were produced, and Dr. Alexander Lippisch, authority on the flying wing and supersonic flight.

### Say UAW Tries to Break Smelter Strike

CLEVELAND, March 4.—Organizers for the United Auto Workers are playing an open strikebreaking role in the dispute between the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union and the Precision Castings Co., Inc., which involves plants in four cities. Organizers for the auto union visited the picket lines at Fayetteville, N. Y., and urged the workers to go back to work on the grounds that the strike is "illegal."

(But Hanson Baldwin, adding concealed military items together, puts the annual cost at \$25,000,000,000 by 1952. As a matter of fact, the combined "national defense"—Truman Doctrine-Marshall Plan outlay for the two years 1948-1949 already exceeds \$34,000,000,000!) HOW IT IS USED

Additional scab activity by auto organizers is expected at Kalamazoo, Mich.

The strike has been called for a 30-cent-an-hour increase. The company has declined to negotiate on the grounds that the officers of the union have not signed the non-Communist affidavits of the Taft-Hartley Act.

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# Negro Vet's Widow Tells How He Was Slain

PHILADELPHIA. (The young widow of George Serrell, 24-year-old veteran of Iwo Jima, tells how her husband was shot down before her eyes following a Jim Crow "incident" on a Norfolk & Western train. The killing took place in the outskirts of Charles Town, W. Va., a few miles from Harper's Ferry.)

Serrell's killers were cleared by a coroner's jury, but their prosecution is being demanded by groups throughout the country, who are addressing their appeals to President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark.—Editor's note)

(As told to and released for publication by Dan Silvert, president of the Tom Paine chapter, American Veterans Committee, one of the groups demanding the punishment of George Serrell's killers.)

By Mrs. Lucille Serrell

George and I left Philadelphia on Friday, Feb. 13, arriving at Hagerstown, Md., early Saturday morning. We had to hurry to change trains there and we had no chance to buy tickets at the station for the rest of the trip to Pearisburg, Va., on the Norfolk and Western railroad. We intended to pay our fare on the train. However, we were never asked for our fare.

The conductor told us to sit in a filthy, segregated car right behind the entrance. Instead we sat on the platform of that car. The conductor ordered us back into the car again.

"You can't stand on that platform," the conductor said.

TAKEN OFF TRAIN

He did not say any more to us. About a couple of hours later the car stopped. A man wearing a dark coat came up to us.

"You will have to get off here,"

is all he said.

He did not have a uniform or badge. We did not argue with him; we just asked him where he was taking us.

"You will find out later," he said without even looking at us.

KEPT IN BAGGAGE ROOM

He kept us with him in a small baggage room at the station (Shenandoah Junction). It was real dark and quiet, about four o'clock in the morning.

After awhile a car came up with a woman driving it. And then a rough-looking man in a

brown leather jacket and blue work pants got out.

The first man (I found out later he was a railroad policeman named G. M. Campbell) told the man who got out (later identified as Constable John Brown) to put our suitcases in the back of the car. "Get in" he snapped at us.

## FRIGHTENED BY ACTION

I was scared to death. We did not know what was happening to us.

They drove us along a dark road.

Nobody said anything.

George thought we were going to be robbed and he whispered to me to "hide the money."

## HID THEIR MONEY

I hid the money (about \$75) in my girdle. George still had \$25 with him, a \$20 bill and a \$5 bill. (Editor's note: This repudiates testimony of the officers that George Serrell had only \$1.54 in his possession and that he could not pay the train fare.)

The next thing I knew George and Brown were fighting. No one had said a word. The only reason I feel it could have happened was that Brown was trying to rob George.

Right away the woman driving

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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SERRELL

Photo was taken on their wedding day

## O'D to Crack Whip on Demos for Fare Hike

Angered by continued signs of resistance by local Democrats in the State Legislature against his 8-cent fare deal with Gov. Dewey, Mayor O'Dwyer will meet this Sunday at Gracie Mansion with leading machine strategists to whip the Democratic legislators into line, it was learned yesterday.

The Legislature is expected to vote on the mayor's "package" measure early next week. The bills would saddle on 8-cent fare on the subway rider, amend the Muzi-estate Transit Law to take away the public's right to vote on an increased fare and give the city about \$8,500,000 of its \$85,500,000 request for state aid.

Democratic members of the legislature, especially members from working-class districts where the American Labor Party is powerful and the Wallace movement in the ascendancy, have demanded the right to vote against the higher fare string on the "package." O'Dwyer's deal with the governor calls for a unanimous vote by

Democrats and Republicans alike on the legislation.

Since Wednesday, a few Demo-

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## GOP Legislators Blasted For Stalling on Milk Probe

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, March 4.—The GOP-dominated Legislative Commission on Agriculture was blasted today for sitting on an investigation of milk prices in order to protect "monopolistic interests."

The blast was contained in a "minority report" by the two Democratic members, Sen. Samuel L. Greenberg (Kings) and Assemblyman James G. Lyons (Sullivan).

The commission was set up three years ago, after powerful pressure from consumers and farmers, to investigate the milk price "spread"; that is, the difference between what the farmer receives and the consumer pays.

It has done nothing since it was established on the excuse it could not find the right man to conduct the investigation. Originally headed by Irving M. Ives, now U.S. Senator, present chairman is Austin W. Erwin, Republican, of Genesee.

### AT RECORD LEVELS

Meanwhile, since the elimination of price controls, the spread has soared to record levels. The price of a quart of milk in New York City has jumped 60 percent, and the dairy farmer has been squeezed.

The commission report this year, released today, admits that "net incomes of New York dairymen were smaller in 1947 than in other recent years" because of increased feed and other costs, but attempts to cover the distribution monopolies by complaining that it is "costly" to bottle and distribute milk.

Greenberg and Lyons charged in their minority statement, that while the commission has been

standing idly by, "a few selfish interests have run roughshod over both producer and consumer" in the New York Milkshed.

### STALL AIDS MILK TRUST

The commission was stalled, they declared, "in its efforts to placate certain interests in the producing industry and other monopolistic interests in the marketing and distribution of agricultural products."

They called specific attention to the manipulation of the butter market by the Dairymen's League last year, which resulted in the conviction of several League officers. The Dairymen's League is a phony co-operative, widely known to be closely associated with Borden's.

While this was happening, the commission "sat idly by."

They also charged that the commission was planning to do nothing about the repeal of "restrictive laws" which protect dealers and monopolies.

### WHAT SURVEY SHOWED

A recent study by the Daily Worker showed that while the farmers received a sixteenth of a cent a quart more for their milk in December of 1947 than in December, 1946, the consumer was paying a cent-and-a-half more.

Also, the study showed that the farmer was actually netting less money because of higher feed prices. Yet, like the city worker, he had to pay out more to live.

A fantastic and dangerous aspect of the official commission report was a statement that it was preparing to revise the state's cooperative laws along lines proposed at an executive session by the "two largest cooperatives" of the state.

The two largest cooperatives are

one of the nation's largest milk distributors, was ordered to stop dominating or controlling any producers association when such domination works to the benefit of Sheffield and against the producers.

The order was aimed specifically at Sheffield's connection with the Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc.

### CREATED BY SHEFFIELD

The FTC said the association was "created" in 1922 by Sheffield agents and in 1927 was incorporated as the Sheffield Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. The name was changed to the Eastern Milk Producers Association in 1937.

The commission said in that year the charter was amended to permit the association to sell to dealers other than Sheffield, but the company "remains substantially the only customer outlet of members of the association."

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By LEN KLEIS

## Appeal Death For Negro in Graff Case

The death sentence handed a teen-age Negro last Tuesday by a Kings County Court Judge Louis Goldstein, who brushed aside a jury's recommendation of leniency, was appealed yesterday.

The Negro, Samuel "Tito" Williams, 19, was found guilty last Jan. 22 of the murder of Selma Graff, 15, in April, 1947. Williams admitted entering the Graff home at 143 E. 96 St., Brooklyn, with intent to burglarize, but denied charges that he had struck the girl a fatal blow with the pipe he used to jimmy a window.

The recommendation of mercy, attorneys say, was a "compromise" verdict, indicating that there was present a strong doubt of guilt.

Judge Goldstein, in sentencing Williams, drew on information contained in probation reports, material not available to attorneys or the jury. He charged Williams with having committed 30 burglaries and with twice having attempted "rape," one such attempt being made against the murdered girl.

Attorneys in the court were shocked at the judge's speech and the sentence. At no time in the case had rape been mentioned, and there was nothing in the history of the defendant to indicate a record of sexual crime.

### ATTORNEYS HOPEFUL

The "book" which Judge Goldstein threw at Williams and used to give substance to his sentence could have been written by John Rankin or Senator Eastland.

Former Judge Leo Healy, one of Williams' lawyers, told the Daily Worker yesterday that the Williams case proves "the need of a law making recommendations of the

## Women's Day Rally Monday

The 100th anniversary of the women's rights movement in America will be celebrated at a meeting Monday, at the Hotel Capitol, under the auspices of the Congress of American Women and 40 affiliated women's community groups.

The celebration will be one of many held throughout the world as part of International Women's Day activities. The Congress is affiliated with the Women's International Democratic Federation.

A feature of the meeting will be a new cantata, "Women Are Dangerous," composed especially for the occasion by Fred Warren of Hollywood. The lyrics are by Virginia Warner Brodine.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Gene Weltfish, president of the CAW, Ruth Young, Ada B. Jackson, Muriel Draper, Carol King, Susan B. Anthony and others.

## A HUNGER STRIKER'S DAY

(Continued from Page 1) window. The room would become unbearable hot. The coats came off.

By Wednesday morning all the men had pains in their stomach, saw how pale each had gotten.

By Thursday talk had died down. The men were silent most of the day.

Whatever strength the men had they used to talk over how best to convey to the American people outside that they must fight against the encroachment of fascism. That this hunger fight to win bail is part of that fight. How can they best convey the idea that they are not doing this for themselves alone, but to help all Americans safeguard their civil rights.

One of them says the denial of bail is only A—there's B and C, all leading to fascism. How convey that every step must be fought?

### SPIRITS UNCRUSHABLE

After 72 hours without food, the men found themselves dizzy, getting weaker by the hour. Smith could barely get off his cot. Doyle had to be helped down, pale as a ghost, dizzy.

After the second day it is hard to concentrate on reading.

Most of their time is spent in reading letters that pour in from all over the country. Workers from Gary, Chicago, San Francisco. Students, college professors. People, all over.

All the letters pledge support, speak of "renewed efforts."

Time began to feel endless, the minutes crept on, seemed to stop moving.

The men decide to answer the letters but there is no table in the room. They demand a table, which they get.

Williamson is sitting at the table

answering letters. He looks up, mentions one he received from a Detroit worker he knew. The worker writes: "When my daughter read what happened she asked me 'Why do they do this to Johnny Williamson. I know him. He's a good man. Why do they do that to him?'"

Williamson continues reading:

"I see Johnny," the worker writes, "I've got a big job to do, explaining to my little girl what's good, what's bad."

The spirit of the men cannot be crushed. They seek to lighten the strain by joshing each other. When they help Doyle down from his cot one said: "You're like the month of March, Doyle."

"How's that?" he asked.

"You get up there like a lion, come down like a lamb."

They try that with everything. As their lips grew parched, they go over for a drink of water. Smith takes a mouthful: "Good breakfast," he says. In the afternoon it's dinner and in the night, supper.

### THE ANSWER? NO!

Every few hours an official walks in, asks brightly: "You fellows want to eat?"

He hears a chorus of "No." Then he asks each one separately. He gets the same answer. He looks at them and leaves.

At first they try to read books and read a lot. There is Philip Foner's "History of Labor in the United States; Parrington's "Main Currents in American Thought," other books.

They sit writing letters until fatigue overtakes them. Then they lie down.

The minutes tick away, slow, long minutes like hours.

## Typos Vote Million-Dollar Strike Fund

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4 (UP).—Members of the AFL International Typographical Union have voted two-to-one for a \$1,000,000 strike fund, secretary-treasurer Don Hurd said today.

The vote was 44,829 to 21,477 for the measure raising the assessments from one-half of one percent to five percent of the printers' weekly salaries.

## Says Chlorophyl Can Extend Life

OMAHA, Neb., March 4 (UP).—A Chicago physicist said today he had developed an inexpensive way to extract from plants a life-giving substance which would slow down the ravages of old age in humans.

Dr. Boris Berkman, 55, a practicing physician in Russia before he came to this country 25 years ago, said he is able to extract plant chlorophyl on a large scale at low cost.

He told the 13th annual meeting of the National Farm Chemurgic Council that chlorophyl produced by the new method is in a biologically active, unaltered and stable form. He said it contains vitamins A, E and K.

The Berkman method extracts the chlorophyl without destroying its usefulness as an oxidation catalyst, something that other methods have failed to do, Berkman said.

## NLRB Aids AFL In Auto, Steel Splitting Move

WASHINGTON, March 4 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board today ordered two union preference elections that could change the bargaining pattern in the auto and steel industries.

The order, in effect, gave two AFL unions a chance to grab off parts of two big CIO organizations, the United Steel Workers and the United Auto Workers.

The board ordered one election at Aluminum Company of America, New Kensington, Pa., to determine whether pattern makers want to be represented by an AFL union or remain in the CIO steel workers, where they have been for 10 years.

Another election was ordered at E. W. Bliss, Co., Toledo, O. The issue there is whether powerhouse workers want to be represented by the AFL Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers or remain in the CIO Auto Workers. They have been in the CIO union for nine years.

In both elections, the board relied on a provision of the Taft-Hartley Act.

### Health Dep't Reports Spread of Measles

Measles cases here almost doubled in February, the Health Department announced yesterday in releasing monthly health statistics. In February 3,351 measles cases were reported as against 1,717 in January, a 95.2 jump and a total of 5,068 cases to March 1.

## Grain Prices Rise As Buying For Export Is Resumed by Gov't

CHICAGO, March 4 (UP).—The price of wheat and most other grains jumped today after the government disclosed it intends to resume purchases for export to Europe.

A United Press survey of 10 representative cities showed that the recovery in the commodity markets now generally has halted the downward slide in food prices at neighborhood stores.

Anderson said he had invited millers to submit offers to sell flour to the government equivalent to 9,300,000 bushels of wheat. He said

## 2nd Finn Party OK's Pact Talks

HELSINKI, Finland, March 4 (UP).—A second political party announced today it favors negotiating a pact with Russia, and four other parties met to decide their stand on the proposed treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

The Swedish People's Party, which holds 14 of the 200 seats in parliament, informed Paasikivi it favors full negotiations.

the government plans to export 9,000,000 bushels of raw wheat this week.

## Harriman Holds Condon Files

WASHINGTON, March 4 (UP).—Secretary of Commerce W. Averell Harriman tonight refused to turn over to the House Un-American Activities Committee his department's files on the loyalty investigation of Dr. Edward U. Condon.

He told committee chairman J. Parnell Thomas, (R-N.J.) that he plans to ask the 20-man loyalty review board to study the committee's charges against the director of the Bureau of Standards.

Harriman added that Attorney General Tom Clark had advised that it was legal and in keeping with long-established precedent for an administration agency to refuse information to Congress if it sees fit.

Dr. Condon asked the congressional committee on atomic energy today to save government scientists from being "constantly harassed and harried by irresponsible attacks on their character."

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# The 'Post' Hits Deportation Drive

The New York Post yesterday sharply condemned the persecution of labor and political leaders on Ellis Island as setting "a dangerous precedent" and termed it "a more serious threat to our democracy" than even the Un-American Committee's smear of Dr. Edward U. Condon.

The editorial, entitled "Dangerous Thoughts," follows:

It's easy for fair-minded Americans to protest Rep. J. Parnell Thomas' outrageous smear of Dr. Edward U. Condon as "one of the weakest links" in our atomic security set-up.

Thomas's charges are obviously unsubstantiated and our sympathies rightly go out to the distinguished American scientist who is being pilloried by the House Un-American Activities Committee, without being offered a chance to talk back.

But it's not so easy for some Americans to rush to the defense of the handful of alien Communists being held on Ellis Island without bail for deportation by the Justice Dept.

The issue somehow becomes obscured by the loaded words "alien" and "Communist" so that protest sticks in the throat.

Yet the Ellis Island internment is the more serious threat to our democracy.

For the men have been imprisoned not because they have committed any hostile act against the United States, but because they hold what the Justice Dept. believes to be "dangerous thoughts."

Some argue that the Justice Dept. has properly judged the men as undesirable aliens because they have lived in the United States for years without applying for citizenship.

But is it a hostile act against America to choose not to file first papers? Granted, it may be evidence of a scornful attitude, but in America attitudes should not be sufficient legal evidence to condemn a man as undesirable.

Some argue that being Communists makes the men on Ellis Island undesirable.

But is it a hostile act against the United States to be a member of the Communist Party? It may well be. But we don't prosecute citizens who hold party cards because we haven't yet found that their

political affiliation breaks the law.

Can we now turn around and apply a double-standard to aliens?

Atty. Gen. Clark is attempting to prove that we can. But he can probably never prove that we should.

To single out a relatively defenseless minority group and peremptorily order its deportation because it holds theories which are distasteful to the majority of American citizens sets a dangerous precedent.

For the circle of so-called "dangerous thoughts" could widen. First known Communists who are aliens will go. But then, would there be time to stop the internment of aliens who are merely suspected of being Communists, or "leftists" or even "liberals."

There is only one dangerous thought in America. It is that there are "dangerous thoughts" in America.

We cannot effectively save our democracy from totalitarianism if we adopt totalitarian methods to fight it. The battle would be lost at the start.

Atty. Gen. Clark is giving the Communists too easy a victory. We suggest he try routing them with democratic means, which have been tried and proved triumphant.

*Daily Worker Editorial Note: Without agreeing with everything in this editorial we are glad to print this first and so far only commercial press expression in behalf of the constitutional rights of Communist and labor leaders being held without bail on Ellis Island. It should also be noted that the foreign born labor leaders involved had on many occasions applied for their first papers but were turned down by the authorities.*

# Potash Urges Fight to Free 4 Still Held

Irving Potash, furrier's leader, one of the five hunger strikers, who is out on bail until Monday, yesterday called upon America's workers and progressives to lose no minute to win the release on bail of the other four.

fight—your fight. They must be freed immediately."

Potash's appeal follows:

"I had first-hand opportunity to pin down the despicable lie of the authorities that there was food in the cell of the hunger strikers. That is a lie which the authorities already had to retract.

"The men still held are getting weaker, not by the day, but by the hour and the minute, I know. These men are depriving themselves of food, not as a gesture on their personal behalf. I know. Their primary reason for abstaining from food and facing the grave consequences, is to use the hunger strike to bring home to America's workers and freedom loving people generally, the danger of fascism in America.

"The hunger strikers use this means to arouse the workers and progressives to learn the lessons—in time—which Germany's workers failed to learn. If you want to stop fascism here you have to fight every sign of it from the beginning. This is a sign of it.

"The establishment of a concentration camp, the detention of anti-fascist fighters without bail, is a sign of it. It must be fought NOW by every man and woman who does not want to see fascism established in America. Reaction's objective in depriving these men and countless others of civil rights is to cow the workers and progressives of our country. The authorities do so to gain a free hand in preparing further moves to fascism and to war.

"On behalf of those who are still on Ellis Island, still depriving themselves of food in a fight not merely their own, but all America's—I appeal first of all to the trade unions. The workingmen and women of America, all liberal and progressive people must bestir themselves to strike off any harmful passivity.

"Millions in America remember Mayor McSweeney of Cork, Ireland, and many others who starved themselves to death in protest hunger strikes against reaction. The American people must free the four on Ellis Island so that they do not have such tragedies on their conscience.

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# Reveal Gov't Forms Union Body To Tie Labor to Foreign Policy

Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach last night revealed that the Labor Department, jointly with the State Department, has formed "a special advisory committee of trade union leaders" to tie the unions to the administration's foreign policy.

He said the work is carried out through the Department's Office of International Affairs. This was described by Schwellenbach as "a definite effort to provide American labor a voice in international cooperation."

Schwellenbach addressed a dinner at the Hotel Commodore given by the New York Labor-Manage-

## Albany Rules Group Gets Two Witch-hunt Bills

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 4.—Two witch-hunt proposals survived the general slaughter of bills in the Assembly today, as all committees went out of existence and shifted their live measures to the Rules Committee.

One bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Orlo M. Brees (R-Binghamton), would bar Communists from all teaching job. The other, by Assemblyman George Stier (D-Queens), would prohibit use of school grounds to organizations classed as "subversive," "Communist" or what have you.

Some mystery attached to two other measures, calling for the establishment of a "Little Dies" Committee. Members of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee insisted they were killed in committee Tuesday, but committee records showed they were passed to the Rules Committee.

### Nab 10 Charged With Huge Express Thefts

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## Around the Globe

By  
Joseph  
Starobin

### The Real Story Behind The Talks on Austria

**SAMUEL REBER** of the State Department, who did most of the dirty work in the wartime appeasement of Vichy France, has been negotiating with the Soviet Union on the economic aspects of the Austrian treaty. By the time these lines are read, he may already have announced that the Russians are "impossible."

Until this January, the Soviets had stood firm for a substantial share of German assets in Austria; some of this included American oil properties sold or handed over by American interests to the Nazis after the Austrian occupation in March, 1938. The western powers would have none of it. No dice, they said, although France last summer proposed a compromise, involving a substantial "cash settlement" to the USSR, in return for a scaling down of her claims.

On Jan. 26, the USSR reduced its claims by slightly more than 50 percent. Moscow asked for two-thirds of the oil production in eastern Austria plus development rights; one quarter of the assets of the Danubian Steamship Company and \$200,000,000 in cash within two years in lieu of all other German assets formerly claimed.

It looks now as though the negotiations have broken down, because of Anglo-American opposition to the idea of a cash settlement, even though the French had proposed this very thing last year. Frederic Kuh in PM for Feb. 20 gave the inside of it: "Despite its anti-Soviet attitude, the Austrian government itself is inclined to accept Russia's offer, preferably softened, but if unavoidable, then as it stands. Austrian leaders, however, are being pressed by the western powers to hold out for better terms."

**IRON CURTAIN:** Jean Duret, a leader of the French CGT, was invited to attend a CIO meeting here. He was denied a visa because he is allegedly a French Communist. The Department of Justice declared one week ago that the CIO would have to make a special request for Duret's admission.

Query: Has the CIO done so? The whole world of labor is watching.

**PIERRE COURTADE**, foreign editor of the great French Communist daily, L'Humanité (he visited the UN Assembly here last Fall after delays in getting his America visa) throws interesting light of the Czechoslovak "action committee" in the Feb. 28 issue of his paper. Courtaude flew to Prague, among the many political leaders with whom he spoke, the interview with Alexei Cepicka, the new minister of justice is exceptionally interesting.

Cepicka is a 37-year-old Communist, who was arrested by the Nazis in 1939, and spent five years in the Buchenwald and Auschwitz concentration camps. He replaced the National-Socialist Bertina, a leader of President Benes' party, who had insisted that there were no plots whatsoever against the regime.

That very morning, however, when Cepicka demanded the keys to Bertina's desk, he could not get them until noon, because the former minister was trying to destroy documents which compromised him with the anti-government conspirators.

Discussing the "action committee," Cepicka declared that they arose spontaneously in the factories and ministries, to make sure that "the decisions of the government would not remain dead-letters."

"The action committees are not a dual power," declared Cepicka. "Their task is to facilitate the defense of the state in giving a popular base to the actions of the government. They guard the security of the democratic republic; they will work for the realization of the plan. They can make proposals, but it will be the government which decides definitely, under the control of parliament."

In other words, the "action committees" are not "Soviets," just as the Czechoslovak change was inherently constitutional, accompanied by a great popular upheaval and firm action by the people's police in defending the state.

Until last week, he points out, there was a National Front based on all the democratic parties, but its committees only had a "theoretical existence: the delegates of the various parties to the directing committee were constantly being changed. There was no continuity of work, and the reactionaries took advantage of this weakness."

"The new national front, based on the action committee, will have a different character, very different. They will be veritable organizations of the people, uniting all progressive and patriotic elements of the country."



## Letters from Readers

### What Bullitt Said in 1934

Editor, Daily Worker:

It's amazing the items one comes across in keeping files of newspaper clippings. For instance, here's one from May 21, 1934, which ought to be shoved down William C. Bullitt's throat:

"Ambassador Bullitt of the United States, viewing all the events at the Moscow Park of Culture and Rest through the day, stated to the newspapermen who crowded around him for his impressions:

"Each visit to this Park gives me further conviction that this is the happiest Park in the world. Here are joyous children, happy old men, and youth light-heartedly smiling. There is no park in America to compare with this. We have Coney Island which is more a beach with specially added attractions. And in New York, Central Park is considerably smaller in size with much poorer attractions. What surprises me is the great mass of visitors, something you rarely see in American Parks. This Park of Culture and Rest is a splendid achievement of which the Soviet Power and the Moscow organizations and directors of the Park may well be proud."

Having thus recognized and paid tribute to a real civilization in the process of developing, Mr. Bullitt nowadays draws the logical Christian conclusion of dropping atomic bombs on those "joyous children" and "happy old men."

LOU KAYE.

### Henry Wallace In the Newsreels

New York, Editor, Daily Worker:

I just experienced something that gave me almost as big a kick as the smashing Isaacson triumph on Tuesday. It was in a newsreel theater on Broadway. They were showing shorts on Presidential candidates—Dewey, Truman and Wallace. And for once—wonder of wonders—the camera was given a chance to speak for itself; none of the usual fangled editing and pointed underscoring by the narrator. What a lesson in audience reaction!

Dewey is making an airy address on foreign policy to a sumptuous group of banqueters. He waggles his finger and varies his intonation in the best elocution-class manner. The people in the theater grew restless, coughed, shifted their legs; the standees once more ventured hopefully down the aisles.

Then dapper Harry Truman appears in a neat business suit. He chats with Bob Hope, attends

a ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial. Hmm, things are perking up a bit—it seems that a couple of cowboys rode all the way across the country to shake his hand, or get in the newsreel, and Harry expertly pats their horses' moist flanks.

Now Wallace is on, speaking at a Harlem rally. It is like switching to a real live man after a puppet show, and the theater has suddenly become alive. The features of his face are muscular and vigorous; his delivery warm, hearty, forthright. The people as his rally are not bankers. They are simple, every-day people, Negro and white. They lean forward on the wooden benches and roar suddenly at his wit.

The people about me in the newsreel theater who have stopped to spend an hour between trains, suddenly feel that Henry Wallace is speaking right to them, and the little theater is filled with cheers and excited applause.

M. G.

### Clinton High Youth Praises North Story

Bronx, N. Y., Editor, Daily Worker:

On behalf of all liberal-minded, free-thinking DeWitt Clinton High School students who have vigorously protested the banning of Gentleman's Agreement and Focus from our school library, may I take this opportunity to congratulate you on Joseph North's fine article which appeared in the Worker of Feb. 24.

I look forward to the day when our city's Board of Education will be run by progressives who subscribe to the thoughts of Henry A. Wallace, and when articles such as these, while fine in quality, will be entirely unnecessary.

RICHARD RADVON.

### Want Clubs for Wallace, Taylor

Bronx, N. Y., Editor, Daily Worker:

As a member of Local 2 of the Waiters and Waitresses Union, AFL, I address this appeal to all the brothers and sisters of the AFL, CIO and all independent unions.

After listening on Monday, Feb. 23 to Sen. Glen Taylor who announced he is joining Henry Wallace as the possible vice-presidential candidate of the third party ticket, I suggest that we, the members of organized labor, throughout the country, form Wallace-Taylor Clubs for the election of these candidates. This would also be in protest against the Taft-Hartley Slave Act.

MORRIS JACOBOWITZ.

By  
George  
Morris

## World of Labor

### Dubinsky Gets Some High-Placed "Partners"

A NEW, EXPENSIVE, slick-paper magazine has hit the light and the big hero of Vol. 1 No. 1 is David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers. The editor of the publication has a name that should be as familiar as Ex-Lax, because it has been advertised so much. He is Maurice R. Franks whose signature you must have met under full-page ads in papers coast to coast, exhorting workers on the beauties of the Taft-Hartley law and sins of the labor government.

Editor Franks promises miracles, for he has performed the amazing feat of obtaining ads, undoubtedly costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, on behalf of his Railroad Yardmasters of North America, Inc., an outfit with only several hundred members. Throughout the stormy debate over the Taft-Hartley law he was the "voice of labor" for Big Business.

The publication is "Partners" and represents itself as the "magazine of labor and management." It is issued by the National Labor-Management Foundation, an outfit with a Chicago address that is out to show how labor and management could live happily ever after.

The money behind the publication is as mysterious as the money that paid for Franks' full-page ads. Some big corporation ads in "Partners" could account for only part of the cost of its heavy-stock, glossy, 50-page two-color job.

DUBINSKY gets the big six-page spread under the heading "Real Unionism at Work." His personal press agent couldn't have laid it on more lavishly. We get the monotonous success story (already serialized by Hearst) of the Polish-born boy who "despite his one-time socialist leanings" came to realize that "members of his union cannot benefit permanently unless those who employ them benefit as well."

"Partners" is mainly interested in the "Management Engineering Department" the ILGWU's executive board set up in 1941 and the so-called "efficiency plan" under which the union undertook to "force" employers to become "efficient." The plan sprang from the view that the troubles of New York's garment workers are due to the "inefficiency" in the shops and the inability of the employers to compete with the "out-of-town" shops.

As an example of Dubinsky's unionism, "Partners" cites a letter the ILGWU sent to a field representative. It said:

"On your way from Houston, please make a stop in \_\_\_\_\_ and see what you can do to be helpful to \_\_\_\_\_ who recently went into business and opened a dress shop under the name of \_\_\_\_\_; also see Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Blouse Shop. They are two very fine employers and whatever you could do to be helpful in coordinating their production will be appreciated."

Incidentally, the writer of the "Partners" piece indicates that he was given full access to ILGWU files and Dubinsky's cooperation to develop his masterpiece.

SHARING "honors" with Dubinsky is one Harold A. Brandt, who says he was in 1935 an officer of McCormick Local 108 of the United Farm Equipment Workers, CIO. That made him an authority on the "Evils of the Closed Shop" which open shoppers reprinted widely. He is now employed by the Harvester Co. and has learned to appreciate the "management's point of view" on the Taft-Hartley law. His current piece is mainly aimed at getting labor to take another look into the T-H law.

With these two worthies expressing labor's side in "Partners," others, like James F. Lincoln, president of Lincoln Electric, tells of incentives as a stimulus to partnership, and Cecil B. De Mille pours out his bitterness against "communism in Hollywood." Another contributor is Norman Vincent Peale, speaker at NAM dinners and for the fascist-like League for Constitutional Liberties.

Several pieces by corporation presidents give ideas on the best ways to hoodwink workers into some sort of a labor-management "advisory" setup.

Big Business wants the unions softened up by the time its Taft-Hartley attacks come down with full force. That was the way the "Partners" propaganda in the 20's softened up the unions so they were helpless throughout most of the crisis. They used the likes of Dubinsky, Franks and Brandt in the twenties and they use them today.

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## Cruelty

THERE is cynical cruelty in the Truman Administration's persecution of the five men who are now on a hunger strike on Ellis Island.

These men are being deliberately tormented.

Someone in high Government circles is enjoying their torment as surely as the Nazi officials were said to enjoy watching their victims through barred windows.

The Court asked Attorney General Clark's representative, "Have you any evidence that Potash is disloyal now?" To which, the Administration attorney could find no other reply than the lame alibi: "I have no evidence that he is disloyal, and I don't claim that he is violating any law."

In plain English, the Truman Administration which ordered the FBI to hurl Potash into jail without bail for a limitless imprisonment has no other basis for its cruelty than the frameup charge of "force and violence" for which there is just as little evidence as there is for the "disloyalty" charge.

The same cruelty and outrageous illegality marks the arrests of Eisler, Williamson, Smith and Doyle.

The Administration has ruled that they shall be treated like murderers. Only murderers are denied bail. Never in peacetime has such a ruling been made before.

Another example of the inhuman, petty sadism of the persecution: the Ellis Island officials tried to place food packages in front of the brave men who are risking their lives in a hunger strike. This is refined torture.

The whole case is marked by this indecency, by this contempt for law, for civil freedoms, for any morality.

It is a heartless frameup. It should be stopped. Demand bail for the hunger strikers! Wire President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark now!

## Joe Curran's Morality

HOW low can a man sink?

The National Maritime Union membership elected Curran with the confident belief that Curran was sincere in his support of trade union principles. The most sacred union principle requires that union men stand together in the face of the common enemy. You don't examine a man's views with a microscope when he is drowning or when company finks are trying to slug him.

And you don't gloat when a union opponent is seized by FBI cops.

NMU secretary Ferdinand Smith has been seized by government police. He is the victim of a conspiracy in which the shipowners and the Truman administration are ganging up on him.

The shipowners have hated Smith's guts for years because Smith can't be bought; he stands with the men.

The Truman Administration hates his guts because he can't be bought into supporting a war policy; Smith has come out for Wallace. As a Negro leader and trade union official, Smith's stand hurts the Truman politicians.

So the Truman cops and the shipowners gang up on Smith. They fling him into indefinite imprisonment on Ellis Island. They deny him bail as if he were a murderer. Smith is now risking his life in a hunger strike to win the right of bail. He is fighting for the democratic freedom of all Americans.

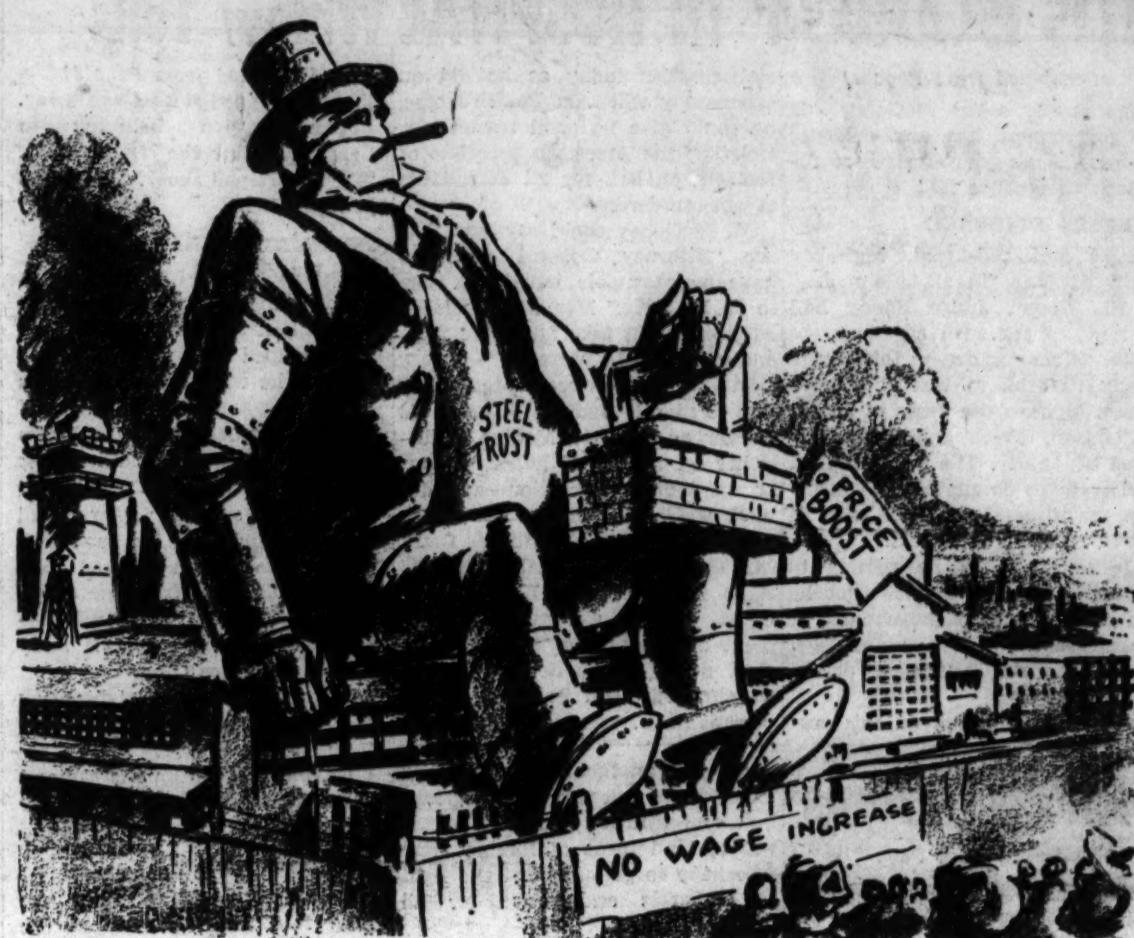
What does Curran do? He rats on his fellow union man. He sneers: "I will not defend him. I call on the membership to reject him completely."

Curran is amazingly happy that his trade union opponent is facing death in jail. The timing of his enthusiasm is suspicious indeed. The arrest of Smith "solves" his problems, Curran seems to feel. The shipowners are happy; the FBI union-hating dicks are happy; and Joe Curran is happy. This is Curran's "new look" unity.

Curran has been alibing his attacks on Smith on the ground that he is following CIO policy. Yesterday, CIO leader Murray urged Smith's release as well as that of his fellow-hunger strikers. Murray says "Release Smith!" Curran says "I will not defend him."

A man who rats on one union colleague will rat on the whole union the first chance he gets. The defense of Ferdinand Smith is, in a literal sense, the defense of the life of the NMU.

## THE IRON HEEL



## As We See It

Wall St. Considers  
Booming Vandenberg

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON



THE NUMBER of politicos here willing to bet money that Sen. Arthur Hendrick Vandenberg of Michigan will be the next President are on the increase. They reason as follows: Wall Street's biggest stake is the Marshall Plan. Truman is for it but cannot be elected. Taft is for it but without enthusiasm. Dewey is just for Dewey and therefore cannot be counted on to administer the M-Plan with either zeal or competence.

Of all the right-wing presidential aspirants, only the Senator from Michigan combines the understanding of the Marshall Plan strategy for world conquest with the ability to carry it out.

Of course, the people would have something to say about this. It is just possible that Vandenberg may not arouse the same fervent support in the hearts of voters that he does with the Chamber of Commerce. But the brains of Wall Street have a ready answer for this. They believe that a well organized and well heeled publicity campaign can build Vandenberg into a figure so well known and popular that we will all be hanging his picture over the mantel piece in our homes.

I understand that the masterminds of Wall Street have not yet reached their decision. But already, one can detect the faint whispers of the great clamor which, when it is upon us, will be known as the Vandenberg boom. First the substantial dowagers of journalism, like the New York Times and the Herald Tribune, have bubbled with dignified praise for the masterly way the old Michigander has piloted ERP through the Senate committee. Then came the full-dress ERP speech of Vandenberg before the Senate last Monday.

IT WAS not an unusually good speech—it was only unusually long. But in the Senate, length is customarily identified as distinction and at the weary end of it, the bipartisan Senators stood up and applauded with bipartisan fervor. All of this is a good buildup for the GOP nomination.

The Senator himself is playing coy. He has insisted that his name was placed in the Presidential primary in Nebraska (which will be voted April 13) without his consent and against his will. But Van himself and his backers in General Motors



VANDENBERG and Senator ROBERT A. TAFT (R-O), two GOP hopefuls.

Corp. will watch the returns closely. If he makes any sort of creditable showing, the boom will be on.

Some persons may be impressed by Vandenberg's "statesmanship." He is tall, over six feet, wears his gray hair slicked back over a domelike forehead. In speech making he is given to florid oratory with gestures, and long rolling sentences.

But I never hear him expound without recalling the statement made about him in 1942: "We look with hope toward Sen. Vandenberg as the stalwart uncompromising man on a white horse." If this reference makes one uneasy, it is not only because it came from Mrs. Elizabeth (Red Network) Dilling. It is because the Senator from Michigan has his own record of actions and statements which make him a very dangerous man to occupy the White House.

AS FAR back as 1937, he was fighting for certain anti-labor laws which have now become familiar to us as clauses in the Taft-Hartley Act (for which he voted). In 1945 he organized and led the Congressional fight to

prevent increasing social security benefits from \$20 to \$25 a week.

Vandenberg was known as an isolationist before Pearl Harbor and he did not distinguish himself for support of the war against Hitler. His conversion, if such it was, to international understanding, came in January, 1945, when the defeat of the Nazis was certain. Since that date, he has emerged as the outspoken foe of isolationism.

If the truth be known, Vandenberg was never an isolationist in the strict sense of the term—the philosophy that the U. S. should not become involved in foreign controversies. What Vandenberg opposed in 1938-45 was American involvement in the war of the democracies against Hitler. This was the "wrong" controversy for him. He was waiting for that propitious moment when involvement in a foreign controversy would mean pitting U. S. strength—economic, diplomatic and military—against the Soviet Union and the camp of world democracy.

In his post-1945 role, Vandenberg has done more than most to bring about the "cold war." As President he could be counted on to heat it up.

## ELLIS ISLAND '4' IN HOSPITAL

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Judge Bondy asked McGohey, "If the government has any evidence against these men, why is it so reluctant to produce it?"

### REFUSES EVIDENCE

Riled and red-faced, McGohey sputtered that "in all due respect" to His Honor, Judge Bondy had no right to ask such questions.

The defense attorneys told Judge Bondy that as to bail they were willing to have the cases of Eisler, Williamson, Smith and Doyle disposed of jointly. The judge replied "I'm ready to do anything to facilitate the disposal of these cases if the U. S. Attorney agrees."

McGohey replied he wanted to dispose of them also, but that he had to confer with Department of Immigration officials on the legal reason for the continued detention of the four.

He remained at sea on this cru-

cial question today as he did on Wednesday when, in Potash's case, he could give no good reasons for violating the American principle of freedom on bail for all defendants except murderers.

All McGohey could say was that the "Attorney General ought to have a reasonable length of time to do his duty." Mrs. King pointed out this might take anywhere from one month to 10 years.

In the previous cases argued before Federal Judges Edward A. Conger and Harold Medina, bail—either on a writ of habeas corpus or on judicial discretion—was denied. McGohey used the outrageous argument that U. S. Attorney Clark can deny bail under the Manfred Zapp ruling of the U. S. Circuit Court. Defense attorneys, however, point out that Zapp was a proven Nazi agent in wartime, and that no similarity can be cited in the present cases.

land. In another telegram they pledged the victims of America's first concentration camp "to defend you and all those of foreign birth who have so gallantly led the fight for progress and peace for all Americans."

A telegram to Clark from the Ocean Front Tenants League yesterday called the holding "without bail of labor leaders a flagrant violation of our constitutional rights."

The Hellenic-American Brotherhood of the IWO announced a citywide meeting in defense of the Greek-American leader Peter Harisiades, also threatened with deportation.

## Demonstrations

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from yours and those of the administration you represent."

### ASKS PAINTERS PROTEST

CLEVELAND, March 4.—A call to members of unions affiliated with the Painters District Council to protest Truman's deportation delirium was issued here by Courtney Ward, head of the Council. The AFL building trades leaders declared that if this witch-hunt of the Justice Department and House Un-American Committee is permitted to be carried through, the next law of the land for all people will be the same as thought control now being extended to 2,000,000 federal employees.

The Justice Department is carrying on these raids, he said, "to test the reaction of the American people at large."

### PICKET IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, March 4.—Communist Party members here picketed the Justice Department's local Federal Building. Placards demanded bail and release of Williamson, Eisler and the others. They also demanded that persecution of the Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party cease.

Roy Hudson and Ben Carethers presented federal district attorney Burns with a statement that the imprisoned are "uncompromising foes of the enemies of the people."

### PORT AGENT HITS ARRESTS

BALTIMORE, March 4.—Irv Dvorin, port agent of the Marine Cooks, Stewards Union here, said in a protest to Attorney General Tom Clark that the "arrests mark an attack on the whole labor movement and endangers the Bill of Rights." Speaking for a group of Baltimore unionists, he demanded release of hunger strikers on immediate bail. Local unionists intend to picket the Justice Department building in Washington tomorrow (Friday).

### ASKS MAYOR TO ACT

MILWAUKEE, March 4.—Sigmund G. Eisenscher, Communist candidate for Mayor, called upon the Mayor and Common Council of Milwaukee to defend the Bill of Rights "against the bi-partisan subverters of the Constitution."

### 29 WIRE CLARK

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—Twenty-nine labor leaders here today dispatched telegrams to President Truman and Attorney General Tom Clark denouncing the detention without bail of the four Communist and labor leaders on Ellis Is-

The Management and Staff of the Daily Worker extend deepest sympathy to SUSAN WOODRUFF on the loss of her beloved Husband ALBERT

## Widow Tells

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the car stopped it and ran away. Brown started hollering to Campbell (in the front seat), "Why don't you shoot? Why don't you shoot?"

### FIRE AT HUSBAND

Campbell turned around with a pistol in his hand. He aimed and fired a shot at George. I screamed and jumped out of the car. I thought he was going to shoot us both.

I saw a truck nearby with two men in it. I heard another shot then from the car. I looked around and saw my husband fall to the ground from the back seat.

I ran to the truck and begged the men to drive me away. "They just killed my husband—they will get me—take me away as fast as you can."

They did not start right away and a man came over to the truck from the car.

I saw a flash from the car and heard the noise from another shot.

### MADE HER GET OUT

I begged them to drive me away fast. They drove along the dark road for a little while. Then they said they were afraid to keep me and they stopped at a lighted house and told me to get off.

I ran across the field to the house and knocked on the door. A man came to the door and I asked him if he would please call the police because two men had just killed my husband.

Two state policemen came and told me to get into their automobile. They drove me back to the car. I begged them not to leave me alone, that the two men would kill me. After they looked over the car in which George was shot they drove me into a village (Charles Town). They took me to the jail and woke up the sheriff. He sat me on the chair and said, "Start talking."

I told him all that happened, he said, "all right."

Then he got the keys out of the drawer and locked me up. He did not tell me anything else. It was about six o'clock in the morning.

### GIRL OFFERS HER FOOD

A white girl was in the cell and she offered me food that her mother brought her. The sheriff took all the plates away from us

and told the girl that I was "desperate."

He asked the white girl if she wanted another cell and she said No, I seemed all right to her. She told me she was arrested for murdering her husband.

I asked the sheriff's wife if I could use the telephone to call relatives in Philadelphia for help, and she told me to wait until the sheriff woke up.

About one o'clock in the afternoon they let me use the telephone. I asked the sheriff how long they would keep me. He said he did not know anything about it and put me back in my cell. About four o'clock the district attorney and three other men came to my cell. The DA said that I would have to stay there for trial and would need bail.

### DEMAND \$5,000 BAIL

I told him I had property in Philadelphia. One of the men said that was no good, that I would need \$5,000 in cash. My brother-in-law, Winston Withers, came on Tuesday to get me out but he could not raise the money right away because they told him at first I was held in only \$500 bail.

They buried George on Wednesday but they kept me locked up so I could not be at his funeral.

They finally let me go Friday and all the time they had never once told me why they were keeping me locked up.

I want George's murderers brought to trial.

I want George's name cleared.

I want people everywhere to know what happened.

They will never bring George back, but maybe the horrible story of his murder will waken more people up to the awful things they do to Negroes in the South.

## Soviets Charge U. S. Interferes With Ships

LONDON, March 4.—Russia has delivered a second protest to the United States against American "violations of the freedom of merchant shipping in the Far East," Moscow Radio reported today.

American aircraft were accused again of "examining Soviet merchant vessels in the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan, circling over ships, passing over them at low level and diving down at them."

## O'D and Fare

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crats in Albany have been going "out of bounds" and meeting with Republican leaders in a last-minute effort to escape the voter's wrath. Some even went so far as to visit Dewey but were briskly told that the deal stands.

### SOBERING EVENTS

The effect of the Isacson victory, the vigorous ALP stand against the fare rise the citywide resentment against the Democratic machine over betrayal of UN pledges to Palestine and denial of constitutional liberties in the Gerson case, have sobered City Hall officials.

Not a single Democratic Councilman would comment on the legislature's action in reversing its stand that a fare rise had to be acted on only after a Home Rule message from the City Council. Last year the Councilmen were vociferous in demanding that their "jurisdiction" not be by-passed on the fare.

Meeting with O'Dwyer over the week-end will be Senate Minority Leader Elmer Quinn and Assembly minority leader Irwin Steingut, Frank Sampson, Tammany chief-tenant, his legislative aides and members of the Board of Estimate.

A CIO delegation will visit City Hall today to demand that the O'Dwyer administration keep its original all-or-nothing pledge on the fare increase if the state refused to grant the city its \$34,500,000 state aid request. The delegation, announced by Saul Mills, secretary of the CIO Council here, is part of the intensive wind-up drive by the organization to save the nickel fare.

Local union delegations are slated to visit New York City members of the Legislature over the weekend to enlist their support against the 8-cent fare and on Tuesday, March 9, a group of 100 CIO officials will visit Albany to lobby all week if necessary until the Legislature adjourns next Friday.

## Page One Ball May 5

The Newspaper Guild of New York will hold its annual PAGE ONE BALL May 5 at Manhattan Center and the selection of candidates for MISS PAGE ONE, the town's prettiest girl newspaper worker, is already under way, the Guild announced yesterday.

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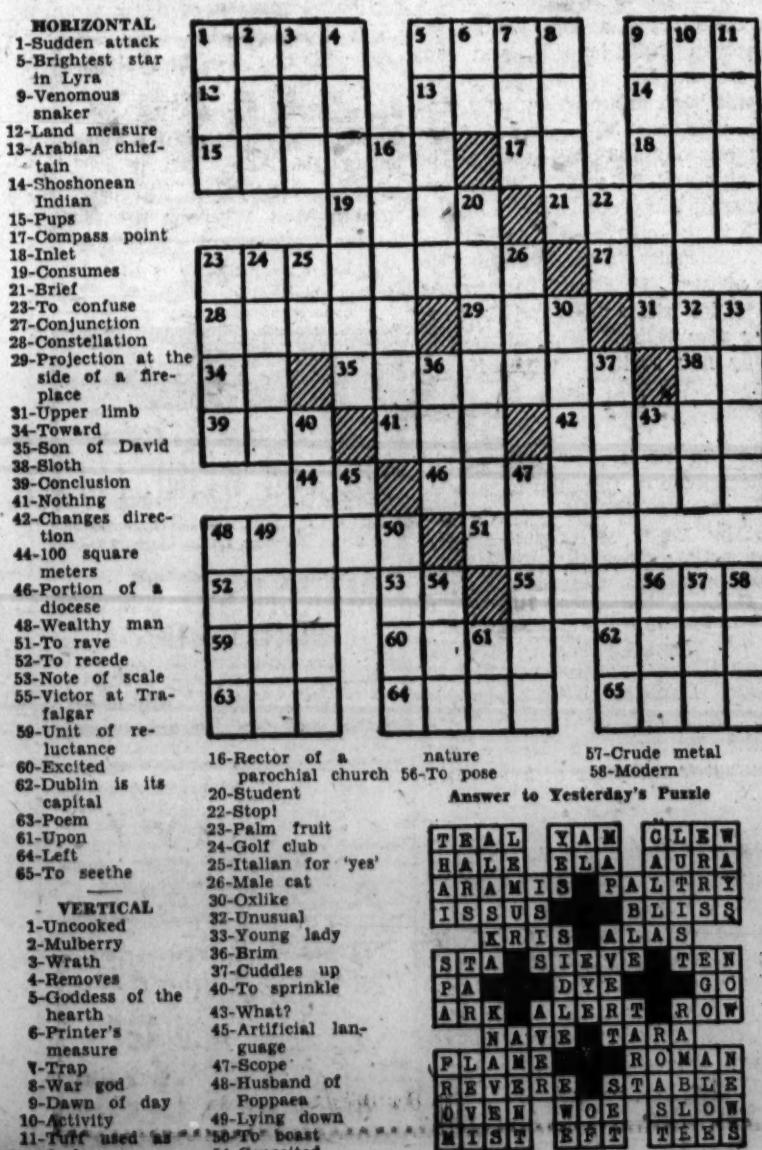
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WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger	WEVD-1130 Ke.	
WJZ-Breakfast with Breneman		
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WOR-Tello-Test		
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch	5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life	
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WJZ-Galen Drake	WJZ-Terry and Pirates	
WCBS-Grand Slam	WQXR-Stan Freeman, Piano	
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WJZ-News; Nancy Craig	6:20-WNBC-Mary Osborne Trio	
WCBS-Helen Trent	6:30-WNBC-Junior Reporter	
12:45-WNBC-Our Gal Sunday	WOR-Fred Vandever	
12:55-WNBC-Farmer's Bulletins	WJZ-Alan Prescott	
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride	WCBS-Lum 'n' Abner	
WOR-Luncheon at Sardi's	WNYC-Sports	
WJZ-Baukage	WQXR-Dinner Concert	
WCBS-Big Sister	6:45-WNBC-Three Star Extra	
WNYC-String Music	WOR-Stan Lomax	
WQXR-News; Midday Symphony	WJZ-Alan Prescott	
1:15-WJZ-Nancy Craig	WCBS-Lowell Thomas	
WCBS-Ma Perkins	WNYC-Weather: Aviation	
1:30-WOR-John Gambling	7:00-WNBC-Supper Club	
WJZ-Patt Barnes	WOR-Fulton Lewis, Jr.	
1:45-WNBC-Believe It or Not	WJZ-Headline Edition	
WOR-Victor H. Lindlahr	WCBS-Beulah	
WCBS-Guiding Light	WNYC-Masterworks Hour	
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children	WQXR-News: Concert Hour	
WJZ-Maggi McNellis	7:15-WNBC-News of the World	
WCBS-Second Mrs. Burton	WOR-Answer Man	
WNYC-Weather: City News	WJZ-Elmer Davis	
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WCBS-Ferry Mason	WJZ-Lone Ranger	
2:30-WNBC-Holly Sloan	WCBS-Club 18	
WOR-Martin Bloch	7:45-WNBC-Richard Harkness	
WJZ-Bride and Groom	WOR-Bill Brandt	
WCBS-Marriage for Two	WCBS-Edward R. Murrow	
WNYC-Spotlight Varieties	8:00-WNBC-Highway in Melody	
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2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker	WOR-Burl Ives	
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WCBS-Rose of My Dreams	WNYC-Musicale	
WOR-Favorite Melodies	WQXR-News; Symphony Hall	
WQXR-Musical Memory Game	8:15-WOR-Poems: A. L. Alexander	
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful	8:30-WNBC-Can You Top This?	
WOR-Movie Matinee	WOR-Leave It To The Girls	
WJZ-Ladies Be Seated	WJZ-FBI	
WCBS-Double or Nothing	WCBS-Danny Thomas	
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WJZ-Paul Whiteman	WJZ-Break the Bank	
WCBS-Art Linkletter	WCBS-Frank Morgan	
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3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness	9:30-WNBC-Bob Hanon	
WOR-Daily Dilemmas	WOR-Information Please	
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Life of the Party

## The Idle Rich in Miami; Red Scare in Florida

By Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

## TRAVELLING ON A MIAMI-BOUND streamliner one is

aware of how many idle, useless, extravagant people are able to escape the rigors of Winter and bask in the health-giving sunshine of the Southland, because they are rich and can afford from \$10 a day up, and it is "up," as you can see by the ads, into the thousands a month.

There are miles of swanky hotels, with private beaches, and harbors for yachts, cabana clubs, solariums (plural, I presume, for sun parlors) cocktail lounges, tropical gardens, dancing to big name bands etc. It



reminded me of the final words of The International, (a stirring workers' song of five verses, of which we unfortunately only sing one and not the best):

"But if the noisome birds of prey Shall vanish from the sky some morning,

The blessed sunlight still would stay."

What beautiful rest homes and vacation centers these gorgeous "as modern as tomorrow" places would make for coal miners from the anthracite, steel workers from Pittsburgh, textile workers from Massachusetts, needle trades workers from New York!

I could see in my imagination the Lord Tarleton, with its "block front of ocean privacy" full of East Side and Harlem children, from the snow-laden streets of New York! Or that modernistic marvel "The Stevens" given over to Negro mothers and children from the South Side of Chicago!

TODAY THE NEGRO PEOPLE are barred from the Atlantic

the recent testimony of Attorney General Clark before the subcommittee of the Un-American Committee in which he admitted there is a lack of evidence to substantiate any such charges against the Communists.

As a matter of fact I appealed for more than \$2,000 and although my work was interfered with by the gutter journalism of the Miami News, I feel confident our friends in Miami, who were not present at the one meeting we held there, will respond. The arrest of Alexander Bittelman right in Miami outraged many people. They know him as a hard and valiant fighter for the Jewish people and all other oppressed peoples. We expected to raise \$6,000 in Miami. The best answer to this flood of unprincipled red-baiting, hounding of individuals, attacks on progressive unions and their leaders—is to successfully carry through this objective.

TO DEFEND the political rights of the Communist Party, the constitutional civil liberties of its members, and the protection of the foreign-born from persecution, Miami readers, is your duty.

Stand on your rights. Send contributions to me, in care of the Daily Worker, if you prefer. It will be credited to your state's quota.

I have full confidence that all whom I intended to see but was unable to do so, due to my persistent shadows of reporters and photographers, will not be intimidated or panicked but will resolutely respond to this appeal.

P.S. Before my next visit to Miami I'll send the News a good photograph and biographical sketch so they won't have me starting to organize at the age of five, and their poor photographer won't need to dodge down back alleys, knock over garbage cans, and exclaim "I'd rather cover a hurricane!" I've been called a lot of things in my day but never that before. Is that southern chivalry?

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## Book Parade

Orphan Boy to Gangster  
In "Never Love a Stranger"

NEVER LOVE A STRANGER, By Harold Robbins. New York. Alfred A. Knopf; 443 pp. \$3.50.

By Edwin Ronay

NEVER LOVE A STRANGER is a novel that is packed with incident. Its technical and literary flaws are minor in comparison to the basic honesty that prevails in what Harold Robbins tries so earnestly to say.

The thesis Robbins advances is that the influence of the family is a vital factor in the normal development of the child. This concept is convincingly illustrated by the career of Frankie Kane who progresses from a Catholic orphanage to the leadership of a gambling syndicate.

Deprived of the love, the understanding and the sense of belonging that are so essential to the wholesome development of the child's personality, Kane learns early that ruthlessness and selfishness are the concomitants of financial success in a competitive society. The truth for him, of this lesson, learned while running a book for gamblers, is hammered home during the dark days of the depression when Frankie Kane faces the starvation that threatened millions of Americans.

WHILE THE CHARACTER of Frankie Kane is idealized and romanticized, Robbins depicts him in a sympathetic and understanding light. Frankie Kane is not to be regarded highly or condoned because of his rise in gangland to a position of wealth and eminence in a free enterprise system, but he cannot be condemned for his activities as a racketeer without realization that rackets and racketeers are the by-products of the "American way."

At times Never Love a Stranger reads like a high school composition. The characters are superficially drawn, but most of them are likeable nevertheless. The friendship between Kane and the Mayor's son seem just a trifle less improbable than the long series of amorous escapades which Kane experiences.

BUT THE POSITIVE aspects of Never Love a Stranger compensate for these literary shortcomings. The book moves at a fast and exciting pace and paints a realistic picture of life in the big city. The depiction of life with a Negro family and with a Jewish family is warm, honest and sensitive, and the portrayal of Communists during the turbulent days of the depression is uncorrupted by the hysteria of today.

## A Soldier Returns In 'Street of Seven Monks'

THE STREET OF SEVEN MONKS deals with the important problem of the return home of the soldier. While William Woods uses France as the setting, his story is a universal one, for the returning soldier is a familiar figure in all ages and in all lands.

After six years in a German prison camp Fernand Gravier escapes as the German nation disintegrates under the combined onslaughts of

THE STREET OF SEVEN MONKS, by William Woods. Little, Brown, Boston. 309 pp. \$2.75.

the allied armies. Making his way across the face of Germany and France, Gravet meets a circus clown, has a vile encounter with a German girl, kills a White Russian general who tries to intimidate him, and is assailed always by doubts and misgivings about the changes that the war has wrought in him and in those to whom he is now returning.

Woods shows the qualitative changes the war has caused in Fer-

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### Hollywood:

## Pecos Bill Is Every Cowboy Rolled Into 1

By David Platt

I SEE that Walt Disney is putting that mighty cowboy Pecos Bill of folklore fame into his new musical cartoon Melody Time. If he botches the job it'll be a pity for Pecos Bill is one of America's great legendary heroes. His army of followers will raise a scandal if the cartoonist fails to do right by his memory.

Pecos Bill is every cowboy rolled into one, a magnificent example of American genius for humorous invention. According to his biographers, he was weaned on moonshine. His mother was "a sturdy pioneer woman who once overpowered 45 Indians with a broom-handle."

Bill cut his teeth on a bowie-knife. His earliest playmates were bears and coyotes. As a boy he used a rattlesnake as a lariat to trap Gila monsters. He rode a mountain lion "a hundred feet at a jump," using a live rattlesnake for a whip. His friends say he could rope a herd of cattle at one throw. He was known to pull down a streak of lightning to light a cigarette.

Who do you think dug the Grand Canyon? Pecos Bill of course, one



"... as a boy, Pecos Bill used a rattlesnake as a lariat." . . .

week when he went prospecting for gold. In his idle moments he amused himself by putting thorns on the trees and horns on the toads." It was on his ranch in New Mexico that he "dug the Rio Grande and invented the centipede and the tarantula as a joke on his friends."

Once Bill made a bet that he could ride an Oklahoma cyclone "slick-heeled, without a saddle." Here's the story as told in B. A. Botkin's Treasury of American Folklore:

"He met the cyclone, the worst that was ever known on the Kansas line. Bill eared that tornado down and climbed on its back. That cyclone did some pitchin' that is unbelievable, if it were not vouched for by many reliable witnesses."

"Down across Texas it went sunfishin', back-flippin', side-windin', knockin' down mountains, blowin' the holes out of the ground and tyin' rivers into knots. The Staked Plains used to be heavily timbered until that big wind swiped the trees off and left it a bare prairie."

"Bill just sat up there, thumbin' that cyclone in the withers, floppin' it across the ears with his hat, and rollin' a cigarette with one hand. He rode it through three states, but over in Arizona it got him."

"When it saw it couldn't throw him, it rained out from under him. This is proved by the fact that it washed out the Grand Canyon. Bill came down over in California. The spot where he lit is now known as Death Valley, a hole in the ground more than a hundred feet below sea-level and the print of his hip-pockets can still be seen in the granite."

Hey! Disney! You better make it good!

A GROUP of honest-to-goodness Brooklyn baseball fans will appear in the bleacher section scenes of the Babe Ruth film. Producer Roy del Ruth says he wants only legitimate baseball rooters in his picture.

### Today's Film:

## 'The Naked City' Good Job, Well Done

By Herb Tank

THE NAKED CITY is an eloquent tribute to the late Mark Hellinger who produced it. It is a fitting memorial this film written by Albert Maltz and Malvin Wald, for it views the naked city, New York, through the eyes of a veteran newspaperman—the eyes of Mark Hellinger. If the film's reality is limited by a concern only for surface effects, never probing causes, this was also a limitation of Mark Hellinger. And if this film is more real, more vivid, more vigorous than most of the Hollywood output, it is because

riched by the real backgrounds of the city they perform against. Finally, of course, it is excellent direction that makes this film. Jules Dassin has taken script, setting and performers and welded them into a tight, exceedingly well-paced whole.

The Naked City is a good job well done. I think you'll like it.

### Song of My Heart, Poor Job, Poorly Done

SPACE today doesn't permit me to say very much about Song of My Heart, the film biography of Tchaikovsky that opened at the Park Theater yesterday. It's proba-

THE NAKED CITY. Universal-International Release. Produced by Mark Hellinger. Screenplay by Albert Maltz and Malvin Wald from a story by Malvin Wald. Directed by Jules Dassin. Camera by William Daniels. With Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Da Silva, Dorothy Hart and Don Taylor. At the Capitol.

Naked City reflects so well Hellinger's talent and his love for the city he roamed as a reporter.

The story it tells comes right out of the tabloids of the big city. It is a murder yarn. The kind of murder yarn that sells papers. A big, beautiful, blond model gets bumped off in her own apartment, and the cops systematically go to work to break the case. It's got all the ingredients of a thousand cases front-paged on the picture tabloids: a big blond, "admirers" out of the social register, cheap crooks, stolen goods, and a wrestler. There are no fancy Hollywood private detectives, just a couple of New York cops doing a job of work.

by just as well. I doubt if I could think of one good thing to say about it. The film is amateurish from beginning to end. It's a little hard to believe that it was made by people with any motion picture experience at all. The script is clumsy, the performances look unrehearsed and the photography has the scope and imagination of some amateur's 16-mm record of a wedding.

—H. T.

### Music Notes



Dorothy Maynor, soprano, who will appear in recital at Hunter College Auditorium in New York the evening of Saturday, March 6, will sing the first performance of a song still in manuscript form, by Sidney Svedrofsky entitled God's World, setting for Edna St. Vincent Millay's poem God's World. Miss Maynor also will sing the first New York performance of Mr. Svedrofsky's Bereeuse, setting for Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem Music When Soft Voices Die.

Music of Schubert will predominate in Miss Maynor's program at Hunter College, in which she has included Schubert's Standchen, Liebesbotschaft and Rastlose Liebe.

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## Twelve Young Artists In A Changing World

THE title of this exhibition needs some explanation. For the world has always been changing. Some of us close our eyes to this change. Others are terrified by it. These artists welcome the change, for this process of change is actually a struggle of human beings and their desire for growth, against the

"Twelve Young American Artists In A Changing World": 16th Art Exhibition at The Tribune Subway Gallery, 6th Ave. Subway Arcade, 100 W. 42 St.

blindness that divides people from one another, the petrification of social institutions that makes no allowance for new human needs.

These are social artists, and that term too needs some explanation. For social art does not demand a definite style and subject, its field of study is the entire range of human life. It may be described as an art produced by social people, in contrast to an art produced by people with a complete lack of interest in the living world or a contempt for human beings.

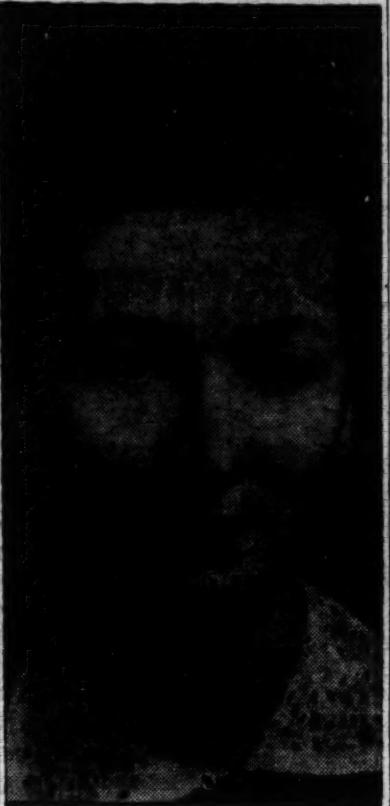
Whether an art such as the latter can have interesting qualities is a problem that cannot be taken up here. But certainly a cultural life that produces many such unsocial artists makes us fear for its future. That is why it is gratifying to have artists such as those in the present exhibition, artists to whom the world is real, something that can be understood and mastered in all its variety and change.

ART HAS its outer world, of subject matter, and its inner world of style. An artist however who denies the outer world, does not necessarily gain thereby an enriched inner world. The style of an artist is the product of his thinking, his personality, the way in which he reacts upon the real world and the world reacts back upon him. If an artist has little interest in the outer world and in people, his inner world is often equally poverty-stricken, and his style, however exquisite in its craftsmanship, betrays it. The social artists represented here all have the kind of individual styles, which exhibit the freshness of their exploration of the world, the fact that they feel deeply about what they see. They use the craft of painting so that they can speak to us better.

The "Displaced People" of S. J. Lewen are silent, isolated from one another, motionless, as if all their energy were needed to nurse the flame of life. The color is somber. The angular treatment of the figures and of the entire design, suggestive of old icons, intensifies the feeling of aloofness, so that even the spectator feels the distance between himself and the people depicted. Here an old technique, once used to show the aloofness of heaven above earth, is used again to portray the walls of callousness and ignorance that divide people from one another.

STINA NAGEL uses color more warmly, its combinations, like chords in music, always changing from one square of canvas to another. And she makes both color and form speak, as in the dark eyes of the slum child, with their hint of unquenchable life, in contrast to the surrounding grays. A world of sympathy is contained in the whiteness of the Negro woman's hair and shirtwaist, and in the imaginative distortion of the "Eleven Last Steps."

The work of Adolph Aldrich is equally rich in images of familiar



ALVENA SECKAR

human beings. Even in this work we may speak of color, to describe his sensitively expressive range of tones between black and white.

Jacob Heller and Alvena Seckar provide another contrast. Heller portrays familiar New York scenes and themes, but with a tremulous, nervous line and violent color contrasts that almost shout his feelings of insecurity, his demand that people look to see what is happening about them. Alvena Seckar on the other hand portrays scenes of actual destruction she has seen in Europe, during the war, in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. But also evident is the perception of growth, the glimpse of buds and green shoots, the hint that just as nature covers over its wounds, so people will build a new and better life out of the wreckage of the old.

THE THREE LANDSCAPES of Jules Hafant may seem strange at first sight. But it is not so much for their style, as for the fact that living in a city we forget the joys of the countryside. This is not nature portrayed as a backdrop for human action, or as an echo of melancholy thoughts. It is nature loved for its own sake, a nature "humanized" and made part of the painter's thinking. The delicate lines and fine color combinations, full of surprises, are themselves like creations of nature. This, too, is a social art, for it demands that man regain his many-sided being, his love and enjoyment of life.

Fuji Nakamizo draws on the ancient as a commentary on the present. Old myths, Japanese but similar to those of medieval Europe, superstitions that still prey on men's minds, are exposed in all their ugliness, against a setting of modern life. The sculptor Benedict Tatti carves wood so that the natural grain and texture are preserved, but take on at the same time the lines of living people. This, too, is a "humanization" of nature. A. von Loen gives wood and stone a magical softness and flowing line. Robert Glass deliberately roughens the textures of his sculpture, so that the touch of harshness catches the eye and intensifies the emotional ex-

### On Stage:

## Stage For Action Presents 'Salem Story' March 12-14.

THEY hunted witches and burnt women." So said the late Justice Brandeis speaking of the witchhunts of an earlier time. Today they are hunting aliens and jailing progressives.

Stage for Action's new play, Salem Story which will be presented at the Central Needle Trades Theatre, 225 W. 24 St. on March 12, 13, 14, shows how the reactionaries of 1692 carried out their plans to suppress civil rights.

Salem Story by Sidney Alexander, illustrates how our forefathers fought for civil rights, the first fight of that kind in America.

Cotton Mather, the J. Parnell Thomas of Puritan days, accuses the members of the Salem community: "There are devils amongst you" (for today, read Communists for devils), and goes on, "Even in your beds you are not safe." (Shades of Thomas-Rankin).

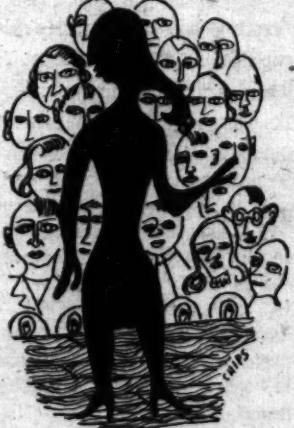
THE COLUMBIA Broadcasting System did the preview to Salem Story last month, on its program "CBS Was There." The music written especially for the play by Herbert Haufrecht, was the feature piece of station WNYC's American Artists Series program on February 29.

A full cast of top notch Broadway actors are donating their time to doing this show. The three nights of March 12, 13, and 14, are being done as a benefit for the Sydenham Hospital, New York City only inter-racial hospital.

Gene Frankel, formerly of the Mercury Theatre will direct the show and Val Litvinoff of the New School for the Dance has prepared the choreography.

Ralph Allswang, set designer for many Broadway productions has prepared novel staging effects.

On the same bill, Stage for Action



CHIPS

BORIS KARLOFF as the old professor in J. B. Priestley's "The Linden Tree" which opened and is closing this week at the Music Box. Our L.N. said it was a very disappointing Priestley: dull, confused, with some very dubious philosophizing in which characters referred to as followers of Lenin are made to look either silly or sloppy. All in all a pretty sad production and its closing is not necessarily a cause for mourning.

will present a short curtain raiser titled "The Ballad of Macio Snipes," by Dave Alman and Alex Leith.

Macio Snipes was the young Georgia sharecropper who dared to vote in the face of threats from the KKK. He cast his vote and came home from the polls only to be lynched by the Klan the same night.

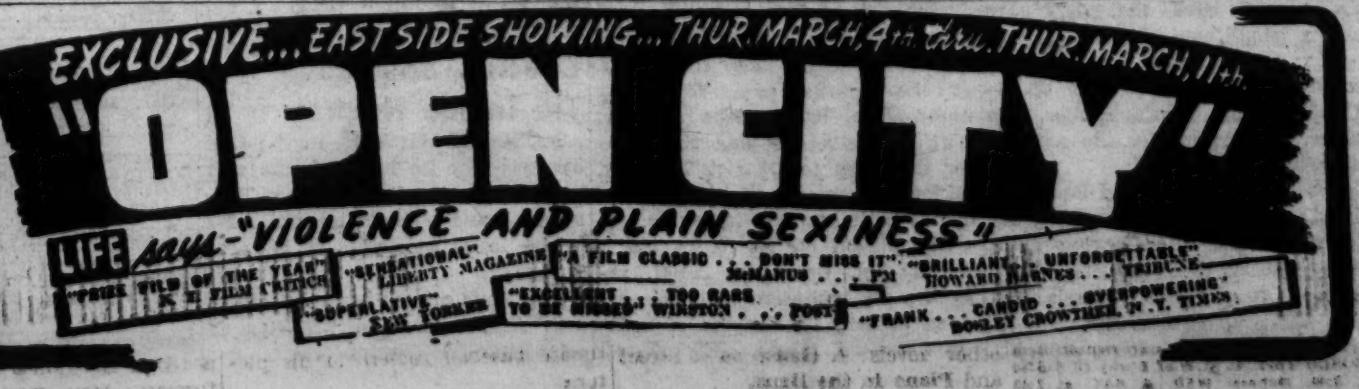
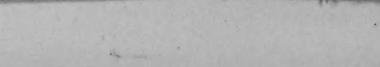
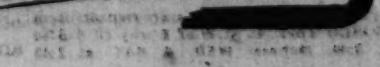
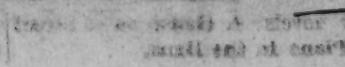
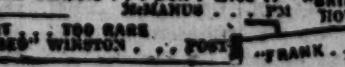
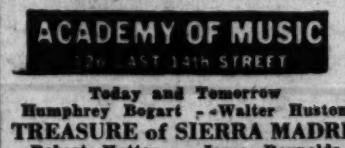
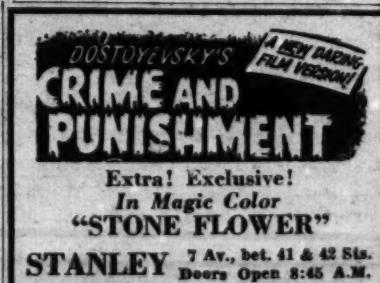
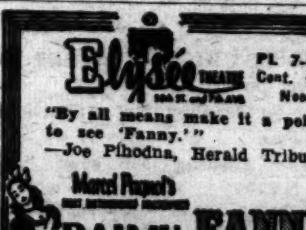
He was lynched, but he lives on in his deeds. His act grew and today, the Negro people in the

South know about Macio Snipes. His courage has imbued them with the fervor to fight for their democratic rights, to vote and speak.

The nights of March 12, 13 and 14, promises to be an exciting evening for theatre goers in New York.

Stage for action has tickets for sale at all the bookshops and at its offices, 130 W. 42 St.

For additional information or to arrange for theatre parties, call Earl Carter at GRamercy 3-7945.



# On the Score Board

By Lester Rodney



## Picking Billy to Reverse Things

YOUNG BILLY FOX gets another crack at 33-year-old Gus Lesnevich's light heavyweight title tonight and I think he is going to win it this time. A little more than a year ago, when bail was an American institution and PM a liberal newspaper, the lean waisted Philadelphian, without a defeat on his remarkable record, went down before Lesnevich's purposeful bludgeoning in the tenth round.

After that old Gus went on to belt Melio Bettina into a trance and put Tami Mauriello into youthful retirement—I hope. He was named Fighter of the Year, an award with which only the billious could find disagreement, and as you can see by the radiant smiling faces of myself and Mando, nobody around here is billious. Gus who seems to have settled into a much greater potency than in his pre-war fights, is 8-5 favorite to do it again to Billy Boy, and it may be that he will.

On what do I base my idea that Fox can turn the tables? All right, let's go:

I distinctly remember in last year's fight that Billy, though generally outclassed and often made to look like an amateur, whizzed home a short right to Gus' chin in the third that had the stolid faced Jerseyite on synthetic rubber legs. Fox seemed a little too overwhelmed by the whole proceedings to follow up decisively, and the canny vet muddled his way out of the round and assumed command.

Fox is a year older. Many a great fighter has matured only after absorbing the lesson of one defeat (Joe Louis for one). As for willingness to try, I recall Fox' dressing room after the fight. The youngster was fighting back tears but when asked the routine question about whether he wanted a return, said yes in an unmistakable way, as though he felt that what had just happened couldn't happen again.

True, many fighters have felt that way and still gotten licked for the very good reason that there are TWO people involved and the other guy can often also feel HE is the anointed boxer of destiny, master of his tools and unafraid.

BUT FOX HAS several reasons outside the usual impelling him

to super-effort tonight. In addition to the natural desire to avenge a lone defeat, there is LaMotta hangover to dispel. Billy is the boy who knocked out the poorly conditioned and lighter Jake in the fight that set up howls of "fix" from people who weren't even there. The affront to Billy in this cry was savage, though his own honesty was never in question. It implied that he, a hard hitting light heavyweight, needed favors to dispose of a fading middleweight. If Lesnevich had knocked out LaMotta nobody would have been even faintly surprised. So a Fox KO of Lesnevich tonight would make some of that hue and cry look even sillier than it was originally.

Finally, there's the subtle tipping of the scale where one athlete of 22 is a year older and better and another of 33 a year older and slightly less resilient. The twin processes are less noticeable in boxing, with its infrequent appearances of the same main eventers, than in a day to day sport like baseball. But the little addition and the little subtraction may total up to a different sequence of events when Fox' numbing right connects as it did in the third round one year ago.

Anyhow, that's the way I feel about it. Just remember that a sports writer's feelings are somewhat less scientific than the square root of 64.

FROM CHICAGO COMES this lilting poem:

Lester Rodney for a month or two  
Was gushing all over 'bout NYU  
Now his poor heart is broken  
and he broods thru the day  
'Cause of Notre Dame and  
Kevin O'Shea.

No comment.

GEORGE GREEN.

# It's Goodby Mr. Chips

It will be "operation comeback" for many of the brightest stars in baseball this season.

Some of these players underwent operations after the 1947 campaign and just how much good the surgery did them will be revealed in their performances during the next few months.

Joe Di Maggio, the Yankee kingpin, currently is testing out his right arm from which bone chips were removed at Johns Hopkins Hospital. In the same boat and on the same team is pitcher Spurgeon (Spud) Chandler, who also had several bone chips removed from his right arm. So dubious were Yankee officials on Spud's ability to come back, that they gave him a conditional contract.

The third Yankee player essaying a comeback after an operation is chunky Charley Keller, who underwent surgery for the removal of spinal discs.

Two of the Boston Red Sox "blue chips" pitchers also are seeking out the road back after having chips removed from their flippers. They are southpaw Mickey Harris and right-hander Tex Hughson.

Bone chips in the elbow, probably

baseball's chief occupational ailment, also made operations necessary for Hank Greenberg, presently unattached, and big George (Red) Munger of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Redbird Manager Eddie Dyer has two other important patients to worry about, too, slugging Stan Musial who had an appendectomy

# LIU to Manhattan to Siena

The Jimcrow N. A. I. B. Tourney at Kansas City is having its troubles getting a representative from this area. Originally it was flatly—and indignantly—turned down by Clair Bee of Long Island University, who said his team wouldn't go anywhere without its two Negro members, including hotels.

Then Manhattan College accepted a bid, only to cancel it when students raised a rumpus—despite the fact that Manhattan's team has no Negroes. Finally the tourney secretary, Emil S. Liston, announced in Kansas City that Siena College of

Loudenville, N. Y., had accepted, and smugly added, "Siena is probably as good a team as Manhattan anyway."

But they reckoned without some democratic-minded students on the little Siena College campus! Yesterday Siena announced it was reversing its decision to participate in the tourney because of the discrimination clause, though like Manhattan, Siena has no Negro players.

The tourney is still looking for a local entry. And from present indications will still be looking when it's all over. . . .



## Gus 8-5 Over Fox

A capacity house of 18,000 is expected to watch Gus Lesnevich defend his light heavyweight title again against Billy Fox at Madison Square Garden tonight. The champ, who KO'd Fox in the 10th a year ago, is 8-5 favorite.

Win or lose, this is Lesnevich's last defense of his title. The weight is getting too difficult. He plans to campaign as a heavyweight for another year and then quit.

It was regarded as almost certain that the fight between these KO minded men would end in a knockout. Lesnevich, now a veteran of 14 years in the ring, won the title by outpointing Tami Mauriello in 1941.

In an attractive eight round semi-final, Sandy Saddler, leading contender for the featherweight title, takes on light-weight Archie Wilmer of Philly.

## Court Notes

(For result of CCNY-Lafayette game see back page—in two star edition only.)

Columbia players seemed to feel they had won the right to the NCAA bid by the crushing margin of their 76-50 victory over Princeton, their lone conquerors, at the uptown gym Wednesday night. The latest dope is that NYU is willing to play the Lions for the right to District Two Big.

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taking the chance of being frozen out of both tourneys if beaten.

One playoff for an NCAA bid is already set. Oklahoma A&M, rejecting an invitation bid, has decided to take its chances of beat-

ing Kansas State, Big Seven champs, in a game March 15th. Notre Dame, obviously spent after its grueling high pitched victory over NYU, just did get past Penn at Philly, 60-56. Brennan leading with 17. Cornell surprised Colgate at Hamilton 75-66.

Czechs, Soviets Tie in Ice Hockey

MOSCOW, March 4.—In the first international ice hockey game ever played here, the Prague Lawn Tennis Club and a Soviet team tied 2-2 before 15,000 spectators at Dynamo Stadium.

The Prague team beat the American A.H.A. team in pre-Olympic competition in Czechoslovakia.

# Pennsy Acts on Ring Deaths

## Commish Takes Lead, Asking 30 Day KO Layoff, Rigid Examinations

PHILADELPHIA, March 4 (UP).—Thirty-day layoffs for knockout victims and compulsory nine-count knockdowns were considered by the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission today to prevent ring injuries such as killed two boxers in recent weeks.

The precautionary program being studied by the three-man board also included examinations by X-ray and the electro-encephalograph, a brain-testing device which determines the extent of previous boxing injuries.

If the encephalograph reading is positive, or if contemplated medical files show a fighter has "sustained frequent and severe punishment," he would be disqualified from further competition.

Commission Chairman Leon Rains predicted that the program would be adopted by the boxing board.

Rains said the board had been "exploring the possibilities of avoiding serious injuries in the ring" for the past three months. But the proposals were announced on the heels of the deaths of Sam Baroudi and Leroy Decatur in Chicago and Hollywood rings.

Rains said boxers, who had been knocked out or suffered a "bad beating," would not be allowed to fight again until 30 days, and then

"only upon passing a rigid physical examination, including X-rays, if necessary."

The commission said that when a contestant is floored, he would be required to take a count of nine seconds, whether or not he arises before the count of nine has been reached.

"It is generally recognized that contestants, handicapped by temporarily diminished reflexes, who oftentimes rise by sheer instinct while mentally befuddled and physically unsteady, are not in the condition they would enjoy had they taken the count and gotten themselves organized and orientated," Rains said.

The commission said plans were being studied to have commission physicians take detailed notes of all boxers sustaining "an unusual amount of physical punishment." The notes then would be filed away.

Whenever the evidence warrants, Rains said, boxers would be given X-ray and electro-encephalograph examinations. In addition, present detailed eye studies would be continued.

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## In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo



### Rains Shows Sense—But Eagan!

EDDIE EAGAN is finding it comparatively simple to forget the names of Sam Baroudi and Leroy Decatur. Not so the grief-stricken families of those two fighters. If you're at the Garden tonight have a look at front row center on the 50th Street side and you'll see New York's Boxing Commissioner looking on as Lesnevich and Fox have another go at it. Eagan will be studiously observing the ring doings, making an occasional note perhaps and passing the time of night pleasantly with an acquaintance seated alongside.

New I have no objections to Eagan attending the fights, but what does he do in the seven day interim between bouts? Is he at all concerned with preventing a recurrence in New York rings of what happened two weeks ago in Chicago and Hollywood? From Eagan's studied lack of opinion since the two ring deaths, I'd say no. But it's heartening to note a slightly different attitude cropping up, at long last, with the Pennsylvania, Illinois and California commissions. It would seem New York fans ought to do a little personal pressuring of Eagan, and you can find his Athletic Commission address listed in the phone book.

Two columns ago I offered a few suggestions for the consideration of ring moguls who have a lot of making up to do. It was this opinion that a compulsory nine-count, use of electro-encephalograph, allowing a fighter's handers to throw in the towel if they so wished, complete medical case history demanded of each fighter before granting him a license, careful check of all managers and their past records with other fighters, all of this was suggested as a first step toward eliminating needless ring tragedies.

Leon Rains, head of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, yesterday revealed he is considering much of our program. In addition he has come up with a good idea about making a 30-day layoff between fights compulsory for any battler who suffered a knockout in his last outing. More detailed eye examinations is also being considered. On that latter point, Bobby Ruffin had a similar suggestion. Bobby is the Astoria lightweight who fought many main events at the Garden and who is now seriously threatened with blindness as a result of too many head beatings. Ruffin had much to say about the simple waving of a flashlight in front of a guy's eyes by way of finding him fit to fight.

Possible future use of the encephalograph is a key point in cutting down the ring fatalities. The machine, a fairly new device, determines the effects of head injuries on the brain. Although nobody needed an encephalograph to have known it was criminal negligence allowing Jimmy Doyle to fight Ray Robinson one year after Doyle suffered a serious concussion in his koy by Artie Levine. Incidentally, Levine is the latest fighter to highlight medical incompetence in the ring front offices. He wisely backed out of a fight last week because he hasn't been feeling right since his koy by Robinson and Billy Fox. If Levine is ever allowed to fight in New York, you'll know that Eddie Eagan doesn't read the papers.

The compulsory nine count is a must. I've seen too many cases of a guy badly battered to the floor rising at the count of "2" or "3" only because he doesn't know where he is any longer, and a ref allowing him to continue fighting completely defenseless. And while we're on this question of preventing ring accidents, let's have competent referees ONLY getting their licenses. How many times have you found yourself screaming at some middle-man to "Stop the fight!" and wondering what the ref was using for eyes and judgment?

OUT IN CHICAGO last night the Illinois Commission made the boys put on eight-ounce gloves instead of the regulation six-ounce leathers. You'd be surprised, those of you who've confined your boxing to the friends and 16-ounce pillows, how little difference there is between the six-ounce regulation gloves and a bare fist. Particularly when those six-ounce gloves are propelled by somebody who hits with the force of Graziano or Joe Louis...

In California, the state of the Decatur death, a full-fledged investigation is going on into the surroundings behind Decatur's license to fight. In his case he had a heart ailment which the simple hackneyed pre-fight exams never revealed. That's where the suggested medical case histories before granting a fighter his license figures so importantly in this discussion...

I sincerely hope that all the concerned talk sprouting up in various State Commissions doesn't remain pure talk and no action. But as I say, it's more aggravating to see even some States talking it up while here in New York Eagan emulates do-nothing Dewey to a t...

Let's get on that guy's tail, and if that doesn't rouse him then it's time there was a big sized campaign aimed at getting Eagan to throw the towel in his own.

## Johnny Neun Has Cincy Lineup All Set for Opening Day

TAMPA, Fla., March 4 (UP)—Manager Johnny Neun picked his tentative starting lineup for the Cincinnati Reds today with second base the only spot in doubt.

Only a little more than four days after the Reds began spring training, Neun figured that with the exception of that spot he could name his lineup for opening day right now.

It will see an infield of Babe Young at first base, Virgil Stallcup at short, Grady Hatton at third and either Bobby Adams or Ben Zientara at second.

Ewell Blackwell, of course, will be the opening day pitcher with

either Ray Mueller or Ray Lano behind the plate.

His outfield will depend upon whether the opposition pitcher is a right hander or southpaw.

When righties oppose the Reds, Neun plans on using Augie Galan in left, Johnny Wyrrostek in center and Frankie Baumholtz on right. All are left handed hitters.

When southpaws go against the Reds, Hank Sauer, who hit 50 home runs with Syracuse last year, will replace Galan in left, while Bobby Adams or Ben Zientara will replace Wyrrostek in center and Bob Usher taking over for Baumholtz.

# Kerr Gets Dirty Deal On Holdout Ultimatum

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 4.—Holdout Buddy Kerr was today given an ultimatum by New York Giant prexy Horace Stoneham to come to camp at the club's terms or be suspended if he is not in shape to play by Opening Day. Stoneham said there was \$1,500 difference between the club's offer and Kerr's asking price of \$20,000. The Giants will make no effort to contact the star shortstop who is still at his New York home in the Bronx.

With Kerr absent, manager Mel Ott today said he will use Bobby Rhawn, rookie from Minneapolis, at shortstop in the heavy exhibition schedule opening tomorrow against the Cleveland Indians in Tucson.

From his home, Kerr insisted there is actually \$2,000 separating him and the Giant management. The talented shortstop revealed that he was given a bigger

raise in '47 than he was offered for the new season. Buddy feels his work last season merits a decent increase for '48. The figures back him up too. Last year he reached his high-point batting average of .287, his top mark in five years with the Ottos... and a 37-point increase over his '46 mark. His fielding ranked with the best, his .977 average second to Slats Marion's .981. Eddie Miller and Pee wee Reese both trailed behind Kerr in the fielding percentages.

Kerr rightly feels that at 25, now is the time when he has to get as much money as he can. "Baseball is a hard and cold proposition," Buddy stated in a phone conversation from the Bronx, "and a player is just out in the cold after he's slipped."

There's little doubt of the logic behind Kerr's opinion. Ballplayers, if they don't get decent enough dough at their peaks, never will. And there's also little doubt that the Giants will get no-where fast without Kerr filling up his old

stretch of dirt in the infield. Buddy is a masterful shortstop, covering much ground with that sure-handed, antelope-footed stride of his, and he teamed up with Billy Rigney last season to make the Giant twin-killings a thing of beauty.

Fans at the Polo Grounds will argue long into the night that Buddy has blossomed out into

the finest shortstop in the league... and no matter your sentiments regarding Reese and Marion, you can't debate the fact that Buddy's play last year certainly gives Giant fans an arguing point.

The lad is slightly terrific out there... and worth every penny of \$20,000—whether Horace Stoneham thinks so or not.

### From the Camps:

## Stan Signs At No Raise, Dyer Hurt

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 4.—Stan Musial, slugging first baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, signed his 1948 contract today after a brief conference with president Bob Hannegan. Musial, holding out

for a raise over his \$31,000 salary of last year, is believed to have settled for the same figure after Hannegan had adamantly refused to up the ante.

Second biggest news at the Cardinals camp here was manager Eddie Dyer's narrow escape from a serious injury when he was struck on the right temple by a line drive off the bat of Coach Tony Kaufman.

Dyer, walking toward the outfield, was hit and dropped uncon-

scious to the ground near the shortstop position. He was taken to Mound Park Hospital in an ambulance. X-rays indicated no fracture of the skull, but hospital officials said he would remain for 24 to 48 hours for observation and rest.

ORLANDO, Fla., March 4 (UP)—Joe Kuhel, new manager of the Washington Senators, said today that his team would have to employ speed and strategy to offset an apparent lack of batting power.

"We're going to use every trick in the book to advance or score a runner. No pitcher on my club will be an automatic out," he said. "He'll learn to bunt—or else."

### JACKIE REPORTS, SHARP AT BAT

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, March 4 (UP)—Jackie Robinson, Negro first baseman, joined the Brooklyn Dodgers today 15 pounds overweight at 205 pounds and took part in his first Spring workout.

Robinson delighted native followers with several sharp line drives and his nimble work in the field.

### AL'S SELECTIONS

- 1—Easton Air, Tintina, Nifty.
- 2—Pene, Bomb Command, Fan-turbo.
- 3—Victim, Cardigan, Shockoe.
- 4—Casen, Silver Money, Gee Teeeee.
- 5—Stamp Album, Little Minn., Farmington.
- 6—Arrogance, Elbow Room, Seaton Pippin.
- 7—W. H. Kelly, Caliper, Albatross.
- 8—Secret, Stell, Alldepends.

### UP SELECTIONS

- 1—Bold Leader, Tintina, Nifty.
- 2—Hanid, Foss Barker, Pene.
- 3—Victim, Likesnot, Burning Twig.
- 4—Baby Lea, Quick Reply, Ring and Run.
- 5—Red Flag, Stamp Album, Little Minn.
- 6—Valdina Decay, Seaton Pippin, Mint O'Morn.
- 7—W. H. Kelly, I Conquer, Albatross.
- 8—Princess Nell, All Depends, Stell.
- 9—Eighth—1 1/16 miles; claiming; fillies and mares; 4-year-olds and up; \$2,400.
- 10—Credenda . . . . . 109 \*Krasavetzta . . . . . 109
- 11—Secret . . . . . 95 \*Annie Again . . . . . 107
- 12—All Depends . . . . . 113 \*Crazy Whiz . . . . . 112
- 13—Alvin's Mom . . . . . 105 \*Country Miss . . . . . 101
- 14—Special Pet . . . . . 113 \*Gay Mischievous . . . . . 108
- 15—Mattice Brown . . . . . 103 \*Princess Nell . . . . . 107
- 16—Federal Union . . . . . 109 \*Black Cat . . . . . 108
- 17—Stell . . . . . 110 \*Foreverlast . . . . . 108
- 18—\*a-ac; listed according to post position

# Threaten Forced Feeding Of Four Hunger Strikers

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Watson B. Miller, U. S. Commissioner of Immigration, threatened today that the four Ellis Island hunger strikers "will be fed, willy-nilly." Ellis Island authorities, he told an eight-man delegation from the New Jersey Civil Rights Congress, were considering forcible feeding. Miller told the delegation led by Arthur Brown, Jersey CRC secretary, that he had ordered medical examination for the four.

Fifty pickets from New Jersey marched before the Justice Department building during the fourth day of the CRC picket line protesting the continued imprisonment of the hunger strikers.

The delegation was told that all was being denied the four workers' leaders because they "are dangerous aliens."

A delegation from New York will arrive tomorrow for the fifth day of picketing. Groups from Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh have manned the lines since Monday.

## Senate Debates ERP Curbs on Soviet Trade

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, March 4.—For more than an hour today the Senate debated whether or not the European Economic Recovery Bill contained controls strong enough to guarantee that the 16 participating countries could not trade with Eastern Europe.

Sen. Kenneth Wherry (R-Nebr.), GOP whip, complained that there were "absolutely no restrictions."

"France, for instance, can take

the steel we send her," Wherry said, "fabricate it and sell it to the Soviet Union. There's nothing we can do except terminate our aid to France."

Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (R-Mass.), heatedly disagreed. He pointed out that under section 15 of the Vandenberg bill, each participating country must sign an agreement with the U. S. to work for the basic objectives of the Act. If at any time, a nation such as France traded with an Eastern European nation, the administrator of the Marshall Plan could cut off shipments, he said.

The "basic objectives," Lodge said, reading from the bill's declaration of policy are to "sustain and strengthen principles of individual liberty, free institutions and genuine independence."

### SOVIET UNION OUT

The Soviet Union and "her satellites" could not be regarded as contributing to this objective, Lodge said. Therefore, the administrator was virtually instructed to terminate aid to any country which traded with them.

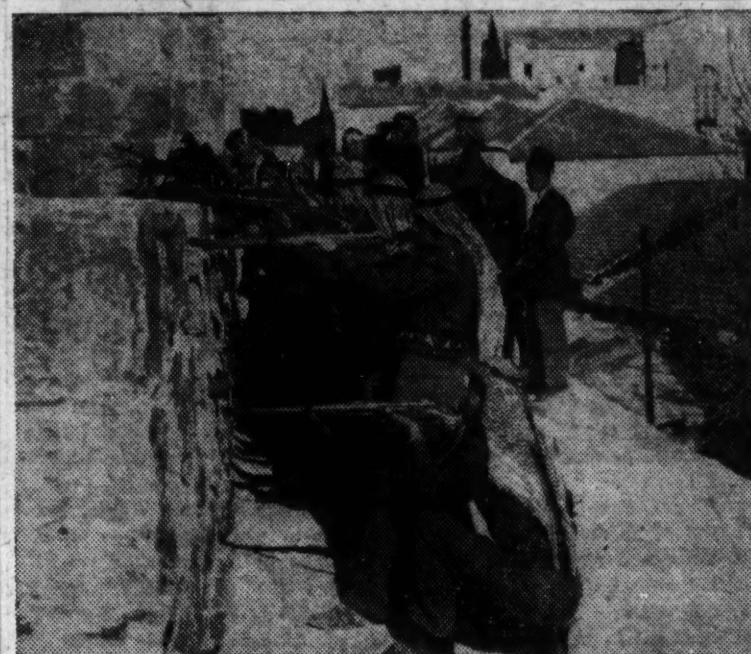
Wherry refused to be satisfied. Under the Marshall Plan the U. S. would "build up the industry" of France for three years, he said. Then the ungrateful France would reward the U. S. by trading with the USSR and we would have no recourse to terminate aid after the "damage" was done.

The debate took place while Sen. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) had the floor to deliver a lengthy speech in support of the bill. But Smith had little opportunity to speak because of the cross arguments between other Senators.

Sen. James Kem (R-Mo) interrupted to make the point that under the loose language of the bill, the administrator had too much discretion. He could pick and choose the countries with which the 16 could trade. He thought the countries behind the "iron curtain" should be named on the blacklist.

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**Arab Riflemen:** Training their sights on the Jemin Moshe quarter in Jerusalem, a group of Arab riflemen prepare to fire a volley into the predominantly Jewish neighborhood.

## Weekend Actions May Decide Fate of 5c Fare

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, N. Y., March 4.—Weekend developments may decide whether New Yorkers will continue to pay a nickel for a subway ride or whether they will be forced to shell out 8 cents.

The matter will be acted on next week, which is scheduled to be the final one of the present session. Republicans are anxious to get the business over with so that the governor can devote himself to the real business at hand—pursuit of the presidency.

City legislators, going home over Sunday, will be subjected to two kinds of pressure.

One pressure will come from voters in their own districts. Several legislators report requests for appointments from delegations that want to discuss the fare issue with them. The other pressure will come from the political bosses, who are instructed to line them up in favor

of the O'Dwyer-Dewey deal to call off the referendum provision in the state rapid transit law, and to substitute a provision requiring that the fare be set at a figure that will meet "operating costs."

A big question mark is what the Republican-controlled legislature will give O'Dwyer in the way of financial relief besides permission to jack up the fare. Several Democrats are blustering now that if the city gets very little besides the fare increase, they will oppose the increase.

Democratic and Republican legislative leaders met on this today and agreed to meet again Monday or Tuesday, after the Democratic leaders had consulted O'Dwyer.

### 'ALL OR NOTHING'

A statement from Assembly Democratic Leader Irwin Steingut (Brooklyn) said only that the Democrats had repeated their "all or nothing" demand, which means they want the whole program of state aid to New York City contained in the O'Dwyer "package plan," including the fare increase.

They have made this statement many times before, but no one here takes them seriously.

The "package plan," it is figured, will be whatever the Republican leaders decide to make it.

### STRIKES SNAG

One item in the O'Dwyer "package plan" which has won administration approval struck a snag today. This was the constitutional amendment to increase the real estate tax limit from 2 percent of total property value to 2½ percent in New York City.

Democrats were expected to use the granting of this request as an excuse for backing the fare increase.

But opposition on both sides of the aisle was rapidly developing to this proposal.

### NOT ALL GOP IN

A private meeting of New York City GOP legislators yesterday decided that they would back the fare increase proposal provided every Democrat voted for it. However, several of them admitted today that they have not gotten all the city Republicans to go along on this. A few still insist on opposing the fare increase so as to put all the onus on the Democrats.

Democrats, on the other hand, say if a single Republican breaks, they will not be bound.

Barnard Rubin's column *Broadway Beat* appears in the weekend Worker instead of on Friday.

## Truman Doctrine Caused Czech Crisis, Says Wallace

Henry Wallace said yesterday that situations like the Czechoslovak crisis will continue to develop as long as the United States supports "fratricidal wars" and until America and Russia compose their differences. Wallace's statement follows:

"Like millions of others I have been deeply moved by the recent crisis in Czechoslovakia. To all thoughtful people the February events there confirm the failure of American foreign policy all over the world.

The fears which I expressed in my letter to President Truman in the summer of 1946 and in my Madison Square Garden speech in September of the same year are being verified by events.

"The Czechs will never forget how and by whom they were abandoned, and by whom befriended, in September, 1938. Some of them may now feel that they are abandoned again. But the majority know that 1948 is totally different than 1938.

"Men of vision know that the crisis in Czechoslovakia was prac-

tically predetermined by the announcement of the Truman Doctrine of March 12, 1947.

"The rightists, who precipitated with American support the crisis which backfired, know that they are the victims of American-Russian power politics just as certainly as the Greek people are victims. More and more it becomes apparent that traditional forms of democratic government may be almost impossible in most of the nations of Europe until such time as America and Russia compose their differences. Because of geographic proximity Russia can play the present game as long as the United States.

"I am strong for democratic procedures in Western Europe. But

I realize that these procedures may be endangered everywhere in the world so long as the United States supports fratricidal war.

We have two of these fratricidal wars going on in China and Greece and I trust we don't start a third one in Czechoslovakia. The problem is to find the proper way of preserving democracy in Western Europe. Neither the Truman Doctrine nor the ERP will do the job. Nor will isolationism. We must make a fresh start based on the needs of all the people of the world."